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Praise as specials clock up the hours

VOLUNTEER police officers in Dudley have clocked up more than 23,000 hours' unpaid work helping to reduce crime in Dudley during the past 12 months.

By day, they work in schools, hospitals and offices but Dudley special constables also worked an average of 320 hours each last year.

Force chiefs said hours worked by voluntary officers has increased year-on-year as a result of a string of high-profile policing duties.

Many filled in for regular officers during last year's summer riots when they worked up to 12 hours on shift - putting in a total of 23,074 hours.

They were also on patrol during Stourbridge Football Club's FA Cup run last season.

Specials have tackled antisocial behaviour, policed Stourbridge town centre on Friday and Saturday nights and trained to drive police vehicles.

Head of Dudley special constabulary, James Horton, said: "The enthusiasm and dedication from my officers is exceptional."

There are 72 Dudley specials, who work an average of 27 hours per month. The minimum required is 16.

Dudley specials are based at Sedgley, Dudley, Brierley Hill, Netherton, Kingswinford, Stourbridge, Lye and Halesowen.

Superbug cases drop

THE NUMBER of cases of superbug C-diff reported at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital have fallen, health bosses have said. There were 99 cases were logged between April and the beginning of December last year.

Nursing director Denise McMahon told hospital governors there had been just two cases in December and one so far in January - which was lower than in previous months. She said the drop was due to the "rigorous action" taken by staff.

400 LOOKING TO LEAVE THE COUNCIL

by Adam Burling

MORE THAN 400 workers at Dudley Council have applied to take voluntary redundancy over the next year - double the number that will actually leave. Council bosses have launched the second year of a redundancy programme which will see around 200 positions go by April 2013.

But the council revealed a total of 405 people have come forward and some applications may have to be refused. The redundancies are part of overall cost cutting plans totalling £30million over three years. Union chiefs in Dudley said uncertainty over pension reforms and low morale in the public sector was leading to employees wanting to leave.

No prison for games fraud store worker

A SUPERMARKET worker who ran a £40,000 computer game racket modifying Xbox consoles to play fake games has been ordered to do 180 hours unpaid work.

Jemmane McDonald, aged 25, also sold fake games and used the money he made to buy a car, television and designer clothes.

But Judge John Wait was persuaded not to jail McDonald after hearing about the lack of complexity in his operation and how he had cooperated with investigators.

"You are 25 and, I suspect, part of a generation that does not realise the seriousness of what you did," the judge said at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Monday. "You now know."

But he added: "You are not somebody who carried out the operation on a sophisticated scale, you have no previous convictions and you come from a good home."

The court heard how McDonald, who lives with his elderly mother in Clent View, Smethwick, and works at Asda in Cape Hill, advertised his services through a website called www.monsterbackups.com for 20 months, from May 2008 to March 2010.

He was rumbled after a trading standards officer posing as a customer paid him £30 to modify an Xbox and £20 for five fake games.

He admitted 28 counterfeiting offences.

Following an announcement last January, the local authority has already shed more than 400 jobs as part of a bid to save £22m. The move is part of wider plans to axe 800 jobs over the next three years.

Of the 405 requests for redundancy, 54 have been approved. Staff started leaving in December and will continue over the coming months. Some 67 applications have also been made for flexible retirement and reduction of working hours.

A year ago, more than 1,100 staff applied for redundancy and 535 were turned down on the basis that the council could not afford to lose the posts.

Council bosses say this year's applications are still being assessed.

Councillor Tim Wright, cabinet member for human resources, law and governance, said: "The council received a total of 405 requests from staff working in areas where voluntary redundancies may be considered and 67 requests for flexible retirement and reduction of working hours."

Individual

"We are working through these requests and to date a total of 54 voluntary redundancy requests have been approved and leaving dates for these staff started in December and will differ over coming months depending on each individual case." Last year councillors approved cutting £1,050,000 off the staffing budget, to be made through voluntary redundancies, a review of staff bonuses and pay freezes.

Dudley Union joint branch secretary Steve Beardsmore said any job losses were regrettable in the economic climate.

"Obviously people who are working for local authorities have very low morale at the moment," he said. "Public sector workers are being blamed for all the economic problems and it is not very surprising that there are so many that want to leave."

Tom gets teeth into challenge



Tom tackles a 1kg burger watched by pub-goers at the Lutley Oak, Halesowen

TOM EDMONDS has taken on a supersized fundraising task - chomping his way through a host of massive meals for a charity close to his heart.

Family and friends packed the Lutley Oak pub, Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, to see the 22-year-old start his Tom v Food challenge. He started it by eating a 1kg burger. His also faces eating one of the hottest cur-

ries around and his own height in Subway sarnies. To complete the feat, he will have to stomach a 20 inch pizza on Friday.

Tom, of Princess Crescent, Halesowen, dreamed up the idea after his sister Lucy, 20, was diagnosed with Hodgkins-Lymphoma. "We are really close," he said.

For more details visit www.justgiving.com/Thomas-Edmonds

The price of school meals to increase

THOUSANDS of families will pay more for school meals under price rises just announced.

Council chiefs in Dudley have said they will increase the cost of primary school dinners by five pence a day.

Costs will go up from £1.80 to £1.85 a day in Dudley.

Bosses in Walsall said the cost would go up from £1.85 to £1.90. Wolverhampton and Sandwell said they were still reviewing prices.

In Staffordshire the cost of secondary dinners is £2.20 and primaries £2.10. Prices were frozen last year but are to be reviewed in April.

Dudley Council said its new prices are being introduced to cover the rising cost of food and fuel bills.

The authority said it has seen a rise in the number of students having school meals.

The cost of food at secondary schools in the borough is also set to rise by three per cent. And the price of an adult meal for staff at primary schools will go up by 5p from £2.85 to £2.90 when the increases are introduced on April 16.

Cabinet member for children's services, Councillor Liz Walker, said in a report: "Meal uptake in 2010/11 saw a 1.4 per cent increase, and year to date these numbers have been maintained numbers, despite the current climate."

Poster plea over Betty

DETECTIVES hunting the killer of retired teacher Betty Yates have taken their investigation into Bewdley with a poster campaign.

They are appealing for details of Mrs Yates' whereabouts between January 2 and January 4 when her body was found at her cottage near the River Severn. The posters ask for sightings of the 77-year-old in her silver Skoda Fabia or out and about in her hip-length dark red, olive and grey jacket.

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£33,000 con gang pair spared prison

TWO Dudley crooks who were part of a fraud that led to more than £33,000 being swindled from the Government's crisis loan scheme have been spared immediate jail.

The con saw a gang of 11 take cash from money set aside for people hit by an emergency or disaster.

The Department for Work and Pensions makes interest-free loan payments of up to £440. But criminals forged fake tenancy documents,

created fake landlords and made a series of fraudulent applications.

Ryan Henry, 28, of Priory Road, and Neil Bell, 37, of Watsons Close, were given 12-month jail terms suspended for 18 months at Wolverhampton Crown Court. The court previously heard the pair's names had been found on applications.

Sandra Wheldon, 30, of Leasowes Road, Tipton, received a 12-month community order including a super-

vision requirement. She pretended to be a landlord to help acquire loans, the court was told.

Her partner, who the mother-of-one lived with, was also part of the gang and had already been sentenced, along with seven others. All admitted conspiracy to defraud.

In scores of fake applications, the gang provided addresses of innocent people in Sandwell and Dudley and pretending they were set to move in

to their properties. Investigators used voice recognition technology and covert surveillance to help end the racket which pocketed £33,518 with 84 applications between October 2010 and last July.

Matthew Warren, aged 25, of St John's Road, Dudley, had already been given a 16-month jail term for his role as the "head" of the racket.

Wheldon and Henry must pay £200 costs each.

Back bid for city status, says MP

AN MP is calling on residents of Dudley to get behind a petition backing its bid for city status.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has added his name to an e-petition in support of Dudley's bid to become Britain's newest city – and issued a call for people from across the borough to add their support by signing.

More than 700 names have been collected on the petition, which has been organised by Dudley Chamber of Commerce.

A message on the petition states: "Together, we are committed to the creation of a vibrant and prosperous city where people are proud to live, learn and work and where businesses are keen to invest.

"We are ambitious about Dudley's future and proud of its past."

Mr Austin said it could raise Dudley's profile and help bring much-needed investment to the area.

He said: "I'm backing the campaign because the petition says that we have to be 'ambitious about Dudley's future and proud of its past' and I couldn't agree more."

To sign, visit www.dudley.gov.uk

Shock for traders as pavement is dug up

TRADERS in Brierley Hill High street were left "stunned" when workers turned up unannounced and started digging up part of the pavement in front of their premises.

Electronics store shuts after firm loses £46m

BEST BUY has finally closed its store at Dudley's Merry Hill Centre after throwing in the towel in its battle to shake up the electronics market in the UK and attract new customers.

The branch of one was 11 shops created after mobile phone retailer Carphone Warehouse joined forces with US group Best Buy in May 2008 in a bid to take on electronics giants such as Dixons Retail.

But after losses of £46.7 million in the six months to September, the £1.1 billion joint venture was forced to admit that its attempt to blend competitive prices and American-style customer service had failed to woo UK shoppers.

Best Buy Europe said it was confident that it would be able to "redeem" its 1,100 Best Buy employees elsewhere in its Carphone Warehouse or technical support business Geek Squad, and claimed the relationship between Carphone Warehouse and Best Buy remained "very strong".

A spokesman said: "We remain committed to working with our Best Buy employees to ensure they find suitable positions within other areas of our business.

Dudley Council is installing cables for traffic lights in until January 29.

But Rob Mantle, owner of Coffee Uno and the neighbouring BHF Florists, said traders had no idea the work was planned and are complaining they now face weeks of disruption.

The works will gradually move along the road as underground cables are replaced. Businesses said there was no space for delivery vans to park outside while work is carried out.

And they feared customers will be put off by the works going on outside.

Mr Mantle, aged 59, said: "We haven't got a back entrance so we have to take deliveries at the front."

"Our floristry business is 90 per cent deliveries so we rely on there being room to park on the front."

Stunned

"I don't blame the workers but it would have surely been good practice for the council to let us know in advance. I was stunned – it was a total shock."

Adams Carpets owner Mahmood Ahmed, 40, said customers were struggling to park to load their cars.

He said: "It's going to drive customers away – they are complaining and it is making life really difficult."

Councillor Patrick Harley, cabinet member for transportation, said work should be over by the end of January.

"A clear pathway for pedestrians should always be maintained during this work and if any footpath closure had been necessary notices would have been sent to all local premises," he said.

Hothouse comfort for snails



Senior zoo keeper Lesley Lewis with two of the giant African land snails

A COLLECTION of giant African land snails are being kept out of the cold at Dudley Zoo. Senior keeper Lesley Lewis has transferred four snails to a warmer climate in the boiler room beneath the zoo offices.

They are now keeping warm in a tank where they are eating lettuce and cucumber until the temperatures outside increase in the spring. Mrs Lewis owns four of the mega molluscs and the largest, named Corris, is

about the size of a human hand. "When the weather gets colder, the snails need more warmth in order to stay active. They are now situated on top of the boiler in the basement, where they are happily eating lettuce and cucumber in their tank," she said.

The species is believed to be native to the West Africa coasts of Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast and Nigeria. The shells often grow to 18cm with a diameter of 9cm.

Get snapping for calendar

KEEN photographers are being urged to get snapping ready to enter a calendar competition in aid of five Midland hospices.

Webbs Garden Centres, in West Hagley, near Stourbridge, has launched its contest for the 2013 calendar. More than 1,500 images were entered from 330 photographers last year.

The hospices to benefit are: Acorns Children's, Stourbridge's Mary Stevens, Kemp, Kidderminster St Richard's, Worcester and Primrose, Bromsgrove. Entry forms are available at Wychbold, West Hagley.

Volunteers call

A CHARITY providing guide dogs for the blind is looking for new volunteers. An information evening will be held at the Quality Hotel in Birmingham Road, Dudley on February 28. Guide dog owners will talk about their involvement at the event which starts at 6pm.

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Punching attack on phone boy

A TEENAGER was punched and had his phone stolen as he walked through Stourbridge.

The 14-year-old was followed by two men in a red car who then jumped out and attacked him.

It happened as he walked along Lowndes Road between 7.45pm and 7.50pm on December 28.

Det Con Daniel Bailey, of Dudley CID, said: "The two offenders got out proceeded to repeatedly punch the victim to the head, before they stole his iPod, his Blackberry phone, and his wallet with various cash cards inside."

Both attackers were white with muscular builds and aged between 17 and 19.

One was approximately 5ft 10in. He had short black shaven hair and a local accent. The driver was wearing a grey hoodie with the hood up.

De Bailey added: "Unfortunately we don't have any more information on the vehicle, but we are hoping that someone must have witnessed this attack."

Anyone with information should call Brierley hill police station or Dudley CID on 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Advice for businesses

WORCESTERSHIRE County Council wants local businesses to attend a workshop which is aimed at helping firms save money by becoming more energy efficient.

The authority has joined with the Carbon Trust to run a workshop which will be offering advice to business owners on how to make energy efficient savings and become more environmentally friendly.

The event will take place on January 31 at the County Hall in Worcester.

Businesses which would like to book a place are asked to log on to www.finditnworcestershire.com.

Talking murder

A TALK ON "Black Country murders" will be given by Ian Bott in the Wollaston Room at Stourbridge Town Hall on January 27 at 2.30pm. The event is part of Dudley Libraries' local history talks and anyone wishing to book can call 01384 812945.

Temporary cop shop proves to be a success

POLICE officers welcomed almost 900 people through the doors of their temporary "cop shop" which was set up to offer crime prevention advice to shoppers in Halesowen.

Officers were based at the shop in Queensway throughout December in a bid to reduce the number of opportunistic thefts in the town centre in the run-up to Christmas.

A total of 877 residents and business owners visited the shop during the month to speak to police teams and get advice. Police said today that the scheme had been

hailed a success. They said officers had been praised for the service they had provided.

The teams also carried out more patrols in the town's Cornbow Centre to increased the presence of police there.

Feedback

Insp Mick Palmer, neighbourhood manager for Halesowen, said crime reported in the town had dropped in the month compared with the same period in 2010.

He said: "We had great feedback from members of the public.

"People told me that they felt safe in the town centre whilst out shopping.

"During the festive season, all town centres are vulnerable to opportunistic thieves, trying their luck at stealing new purchases or purses from unattended handbags.

"Purse bells were handed out to the elderly to prevent them becoming a victim of crime."

The "cop shop" acted as a local base for officers patrolling the town centre and for partner agencies such as the fire service, trading standards, Living Well, Feeling

Safe and local Neighbourhood Watch coordinators to stop by to offer advice.

Insp Palmer said: "In December 2011, Halesowen town centre saw just 13 offences throughout December - that's a reduction on the same period in 2010.

Successful

"And there were only 29 calls for service in the area throughout December.

"These are great figures and we hope to see the same kind of successful festive operation running again this year," added Insp Palmer.

Town is set to get charge up points for new electric cars

CHARGING points for electric cars will be installed in town centres across Dudley. It is part of a multi-million pound Government scheme to introduce more plug-in points.

by Andrew Turton

Plug sockets for electric cars will be placed in the middle of town centres in Dudley, Stourbridge, Brierley Hill and Halesowen by the end of the year under plans which have been set out by the council as part of a national transport scheme.

Other councils in the region are yet to finalise their plans but were considering installing electric plug-in points in their own towns.

Dudley Council's transport chief Councillor Patrick Harley said it was unclear how much the scheme would cost but the council was not having to foot the bill for the works to be carried out.

Funding for the project in Dudley will instead come from central government and from the West Midlands Local Transport Plan.

Four dual socket car-charging points will be installed in the coming months in the town centres.

Further points are planned in Stourbridge at the £50 million redeveloped

Crown Centre by the end of the year.

"As an authority we take sustainability issues very seriously and we are confident that by offering electric car points we will enable more people to drive electric vehicles while bringing in more trade from those who already use them," said Councillor Harley.

Struggling

"I think that this is an important move because we all know that households are struggling with the costs of petrol and you do have to look around for the cheapest places for fuel," added councillor Harley.

"This can be an incentive to look at alternatives like electric cars and although they may be more expensive initially there are savings to be made.

"The Stourbridge points will not be in until later in the year due to the development plans," councillor Harley went on to say.

Call for musicians

YOUNG musicians will get a chance to pit their skills against others from the region.

Children from primary and secondary schools are being invited to take part in the annual Youth Makes Music competition in Kidderminster. The event is held over five or six evenings, depending on the numbers taking part. It will be held at the town hall, in Vicar Street. Provisional dates have been set for April 24 to 26 and April 30 to May 2. Schools are asked to call 01562 732980 to get more information.



Customers at Retro-spective, New Street, Dudley, raise money for Beacon Centre for the Blind at Sedgley

Teatime treats for Beacon

SHOPPERS sipped afternoon tea and enjoyed a slice of cake as a vintage clothes shop brought the past into the present to raise cash for charity.

Staff at Retro-spective, in New Street, wore aprons to stage the vintage tea party to raise funds for Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind.

Chintzy tablecloths adorned tables, tea was poured from traditional china pots and customers were served refreshments from cake stands dating back to the 1950s.

Staff organised the event following suggestions from customers to bring in much-needed funds for the charity, based on Wolverhampton Road East.

Many people stopped by during their lunch breaks for a cuppa to support the event. Organisers aimed to raise more than £100 for the charity. The store has been running for six months and sells clothing items in styles from the 1940s to 1980s.

Manager Claire Harris said: "We wanted to do something to support this charity and a vintage tea party was suggested by customers. It was a lot of fun.

"We would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the event."

Claire added: "All of the people who took part said it had been an excellent event."

NEWS in brief

Heart charity in need of new stock

BRITISH Heart Foundation is appealing for stock ahead of the opening of its new store in Kidderminster.

The charity is on lookout for household goods including sofas, chairs, dining sets, beds and wardrobes as well as electrical items for the shop in Worcester Street.

It will open on February 7 and replaces the British Heart Foundation furniture and electrical store, in Market Street. To arrange a collection visit bhf.org.uk/collection

Plans for homes given go-ahead

PLANS for almost 150 new homes in a Black Country town centre on the site of a former gas works have been given the go-ahead.

The proposals for land which runs alongside Dudley Southern Bypass were welcomed by planning chiefs but concerns were raised over their design and size.

Housing giant Taylor Wimpey will build a mixture of apartments and houses on the site off Constitution Hill, near the Flood Street car park.

Police offering protection advice

POLICE will visit rural areas around Kidderminster to help protect valuable on January 28.

Officers will be outside Wolverley Memorial Hall from 9.30 to 10.30am and at Cookley Social Club from 10.45 to 11.45am. From 1 to 2pm they will be in the Blakedown play area car park, and between 2.30 and 3.30pm at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall.

Theatre to stage a psycho-drama

A THEATRE group will perform a psychological drama at a Worcestershire theatre.

The Nonentities group will stage Richard Harris's *In Two Minds* at the Rose Theatre, Chester Road North, Kidderminster. Performances will be at the theatre's main house at 7.30pm from January 23-28.

Tribute to Abba

A CELEBRATION event, called *Abba: The Show*, will be staged at Dudley Concert Hall on February 21 from 2pm. It will be presented by the Smackee group. Tickets are £11.

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A WORRIED reader who was born in Scotland but lives in England inquires whether, if Scotland becomes independent, she will still be able to call herself British.

I have advised her that while I will certainly be British, she will probably have to get used to being a Pict.

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THE Good Childhood Report 2012 tells us that at least 500,000 British children are unhappy with their lives.

Last Sunday we went for a brisk stroll in the country and encountered three family groups of mother, father and children. In each case, the father was on his mobile phone.

You see it all the time. What ought to be a cheerful, interactive family group has one or two members who are in the group but out of the loop.

Children love to talk to, joke with and have the approval of their parents. Too many parents, especially fathers, seem to have no particular interest in their children, and the mobile phone is the perfect medium for ignoring them.

And we wonder why half a million kids are unhappy?

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I'VE not yet seen The Iron Lady but I caught a radio debate on whether Meryl Streep's Thatcher has the voice of the original Tory leader or the Spitting Image puppet version.

In fact, on radio without the distraction of the image, Streep's Thatcher sometimes sounded more like Miss Piggy.

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A READER believes he has found the proof to convert us atheists. It appears in a recent report that Mark Thatcher has moved to a Caribbean island where he will rub shoulders with Cilla Black, Simon Cowell and Sir Paul McCartney.

"In light of this," says the reader. "How can you possibly say that hell doesn't exist?"

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A READER who clearly knows his baldricks from his wrist bells answers my query on why there are so many Morris dancing groups these days who black their faces. He says it reflects growing interest in the "dramatic and energetic" Border Morris style.

I'm not sure I am convinced, having seen a report of one Morris side which has had to cancel three bookings because people took offence at their blacked-up faces.

An outsider might get the impression that the blacking-up is more important than the dancing.

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MORE TV subtitles that don't match the spoken word:

- "Swindon beat Wigan" becomes "Swindon beat Sweden."
- "French-made implants" becomes "French maid in plants."
- "Reporter Louise Hubble" becomes "Reporter The Wheeze Hubble."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Monkey couple are handed a life ban

A COUPLE who sold a sick pet monkey which had seven broken bones because of a poor diet have been banned for life from keeping any animals and ordered to pay more than £2,700 each in costs.

The four-month old marmoset called Mikey had to be put down due to a disease caused by a lack of sunlight and calcium.

Lee Powell and Julie Jones, of Stourbridge, had delivered the

animal wrapped in a towel in a hamster cage to Sheila Lister on a car park in Bilston, Dudley Magistrates heard. They told the 60-year-old from Essington, who paid £650 for the animal, that it could be fed on marshmallows and fruit.

But in the South American rainforests the monkeys live on insects, sap and fruit and, because they need sun and ultra violet light, Vitamin D3 is essential to their diet, Mr Nick

Sutton, prosecuting said. The monkey had walked "like a soldier doing a commando crawl" when it was taken to vets four days later on June 19, magistrates had previously heard. Jones, aged 42, and Powell, aged 50, had bred the marmoset at their home in Sunderland Drive. Mr Simon Hanns, defending, said they had "made mistakes" and were now "suffering the consequences". They have been ordered to hand in their

other four pet marmosets to the RSPCA. The couple were each given a one-year community order, including 300 hours of unpaid work, and ordered to pay £2,713 each in court costs. They must each also pay Mrs Lister £325 in compensation.

At an earlier trial they were each found guilty of two charges of causing unnecessary suffering and two of not taking reasonable steps to ensure the animal was fed appropriately.

Crime-spree pair left war veteran in gutter

TWO TEENAGERS who went on a five-hour crime spree that included car jackings and robberies targeting elderly people have been locked up for a total of eight years.

An 81-year-old war veteran with health problems was dragged from the passenger seat of a car by one of the youths, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. Both teenagers then jumped inside and drove off in the car with the pensioner's border collie dog still inside.

The victim was left injured in the gutter near Dudley Leisure Centre.

The dog was later reunited with its owner.

The pair also took another car after threatening a man in the car park of Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre.

Both cars were crashed. During the crime spree last September, the pair also stole keys from a couple in their 60s after attacking them in their car.

A man walking near Netherton Reservoir was punched and had £70 and credit cards stolen.

The two were joined by a third teenager to steal a woman's handbag.

Admitted

All three, who live in Dudley, cannot be named for legal reasons. Two, aged 14 and 16, pleaded guilty to four robbery offences. The third admitted one robbery.

The 14-year-old had been released four days earlier from an 18 month detention.

The 16-year-old, who had previous convictions, also pleaded guilty to driving without a valid licence and insurance and failing to stop at an accident.

The 14-year-old was given four years behind bars and three years on licence.

The 16-year-old was given four years in custody, a six-month driving ban and had his licence endorsed.

The third, aged 15, was given an 18-month youth rehabilitation order and a three-month curfew.

SVR work is right on track



Infrastructure manager Phil Sowden, assistant volunteer liaison officer Barry Moreton and volunteer foreman on the Severn Valley Railway Keith Brown

WORKERS are steaming ahead with a £250,000 improvement scheme on the Severn Valley Railway line between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth.

More than a third of a mile of track leading to and through the 480-yard Bewdley Tunnel is being renewed during the project. Services have been halted while the work, which got under way last week, is carried out. The railway's infrastructure manager Phil Sowden said work was on

track to be completed early next month. Two teams with a total of 13 workers, including railway staff and volunteers, are carrying out the repairs.

Mr Sowden said: "We have taken the old track out of the tunnel and now we've started putting the new track in there. It's going well so far and we are still on schedule." The railway is working with Walsh Construction Ltd of Worcester on the project.

Meeting to focus on plans for church

PARISHIONERS will meet with church leaders this month to draw up ambitious plans to renovate a Black Country church.

Christ Church, Quarry Bank, is working on proposals for improvements at the building which could cost more than £50,000.

The group Friends of Quarry Bank group is working with church members to devise the plans to secure funding.

They will be meeting the District Church Council to discuss ideas and views raised during a recent consultation.

Group chairman Brian Genner said: "We have been pleased with the response from the public so far."

"We are now advancing with the plans and we'll be meeting with the District Church Council to go through them."

"All the elements of the project that we have already discussed will be on the table."

Ideas so far include internal renovations such as rearranging pews to create more space in the church and redecorating. Electronic bells with speakers could be installed in the bell tower.

Two charities given boost

TWO CHARITIES have been given a huge boost after the Mayor of Dudley was presented with a cheque totalling £9,000.

Beacon Radio raised the cash from its Walk of the Black Country last summer. More than 3,500 walked 10 miles from Himley Hall to the Wolverhampton Racecourse, Dunstall.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans will hand the money over to his chosen charities which are the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association and the Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity.

Carols for food

MEMBERS of Kingswinford Christmas Centre have raised more £277 for the Black Country Foodbank. The congregation sang carols around the streets of King-swinford before Christmas. The charity distributes food to vulnerable residents and homeless.

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Charity wants to recruit volunteers

A STOURBRIDGE charity is looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours a week to accompany vulnerable people on trips out.

Dudley Mind wants to help people who have mental health problems to overcome isolation and to help boost their confidence.

The scheme is being funded by Lloyds/TSB Foundation for England and Wales. For further information, people can contact Tina on 01384 442 938.

College offering Spanish dining

STUDENTS will be serving up a Spanish feast as part of courses at Halesowen College.

The college's restaurant has launched the Spanish Fiesta evenings on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Starters will be assorted Tapas with Potato, Tomato, Mushroom, Chorizo and Tuna.

People can arrive for a pre-dinner aperitif at 6.45pm, with dinner served at 7pm, for £14.95.

For more details, call 0121 602 7851 or 0121 602 7777 ext 211.

Art to go on show at town centre

A CONTEMPORARY art fair is planned in Dudley, including a display of a replica steam train built in Stourbridge, fashion photography and a miniature workshop.

The event will be at Netherton Arts Centre on February 4 from 11am to 4pm. Everything from sculpture to photography will be shown. Email clare.starmer@dudley.gov.uk for more information.

Mayor is to forge links with firms

DUDLEY'S Mayor is to visit businesses in the borough over the coming months to learn about their work and boost links with the local authority.

The visits have been organised as part of Dudley Council's new Business First scheme which has been designed to offer support to firms in the area.

Speaker at pub

THE NEXT in a series of speakers' events will be taking place at a Dudley pub. Steven Woolfe will be at the Court House in New Street on February 8 at 7.30pm.

Project to improve heathland

A MAJOR project to restore important heathland by removing trees and plants has started at a nature reserve.

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust will clear much of the woodland which has covered the Devil's Spittleful over the past 50 years.

It is the largest restoration project ever to have taken place at the reserve, between Kidderminster and Bewdley, and experts hope it will boost species of wildlife in the area.

Older trees, including pines and those used as habitats by birds and animals, will not be disturbed during the wildlife project.

Removal of the woodland will allow heather, grasses and other plants to grow at the site, according to experts. Alongside restoring heathland to the site the work will also provide better views over the reserve and a public right of way has also been cleared and reinstated.

The work is being supported by Natural England and once the site has been cleared the area will be fenced and grazed.

Gates will be installed at path crossings and volunteers will clear scrub to create a suitable nesting habitat for birds.

Dickens of a night due

THE GREAT-GREAT grandson of author Charles Dickens will perform some of the greatest scenes from his ancestor's best-loved works at an event in the Black Country.

Gerald Dickens will visit Netherton Arts Centre, in Northfield Road, for An Audience with Charles Dickens on February 27 at 7.30pm. The show marks the bicentennial of Dickens' birth and his descendant will be bringing the works to life.

Tickets, are £10 for adults and £6 for children on 01384 813943.

Benefits help

HELP with claiming benefits is available for residents in the Wyre Forest district who are over 50.

People will need to produce their national insurance number and most recent fuel bill. The service is free. A benefit check can be booked with Age UK at the Tulip Tree Centre, Kidderminster on 01562 827788.

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It ay Hollywood but museum proves to be star attraction

SHE WAS once described as the most beautiful actress of all time. She starred alongside Steve McQueen in Bullitt, and Sean Connery in Murder On The Orient Express.

Now the Hollywood actress Jacqueline Bisset is standing in the bracing wind on a cobbled street in Dudley.

Library team commended over course curriculum

A TEAM which provides courses for adult learners in Worcestershire has received praise following an Ofsted inspection.

Worcestershire County Council's Libraries and Learning team won the commendation for the quality of courses on offered and value for money.

In a report, Ofsted rated the learning service as "good" and said tutors delivered lively and interesting lessons which helped users to achieve their objectives.

Courses provided for family learners and users with learning difficulties were also commended in the report.

Inspectors said learners developed good understanding and skills to help them find work.

In 2010/11 there were more than 3,600 adults who enrolled on courses run by the library and learning service, of which 84 per cent achieved their accreditation.

Courses are held at libraries, children's centres and village halls throughout the county making it convenient for anyone to attend.

"It's been quite good fun," she says, as she surveys the old-fashioned village at the Black Country Living Museum. She plays the widow of a wealthy landowner in Stephen Poliakoff's new period drama Dancing On The Edge, and is filming her screen husband's funeral in the museum's Darby Hand Chapel.

"It's a very nice church," she says. "I like the staircase inside."

She might be 67, but Bisset still cuts a striking figure.

The series, which will be screened on BBC2 next year, tells the story of how a group of black jazz musicians came to find their place among high society in 1930s Britain.

Extras

Also at the museum are actors Anthony Head, who recently played Sir Geoffrey Howe in The Iron Lady, and former Roseanne and Monsters Inc star John Goodman.

Around 150 cast, crew and extras have been at the museum during filming.

A short scene outside the chapel, where the jazz band solemnly walks out of the funeral, is shot four times before it meets Poliakoff's exacting standards.

Poliakoff says locations are crucial to the success of period drama.

"I first came to see it in October last year, and I was thrilled by this lovely atmosphere," he says.



The camera crew and cast filming a BBC drama at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley



David, Helen, Dan and Dave get ready for their shot



Jacqueline Bisset



Anthony Head

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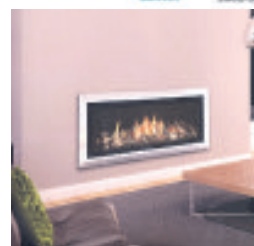
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Death threatens a part of life for Peru missionary

A FULL-TIME job with daily exposure to the sights, sounds and smells of abject poverty – and all for no pay – is certainly not everyone's ideal career.

But former West Midlands teacher Margaret Saunderson has stuck at her role as a Christian missionary to some of Peru's shanty towns.

The 60-year-old has braved terrorism, drug-trafficking criminals and a personal death threat over the last 30 years.

And her reward is seeing the transformation she and her colleagues in the Latin Link charity help to achieve.

Families progress from bamboo shelters to plywood shacks with corrugated roofs and, maybe, ultimately a brick-built home.

"You look and wonder how people could possibly live in such conditions but they come out of their shacks in clean, beautifully pressed clothes, and they don't look bedraggled," said Margaret, who taught languages at Kinver's Edgecliff Secondary School from 1974 to 1979.

Malnourished

Margaret lives in a flat in the Peruvian capital Lima, near desert hillside shanty towns such as Villa Salvador and La Tablada, where she has helped to establish feeding programmes for malnourished children, found outlets to sell cottage industry goods and held health clinics with visiting doctors.

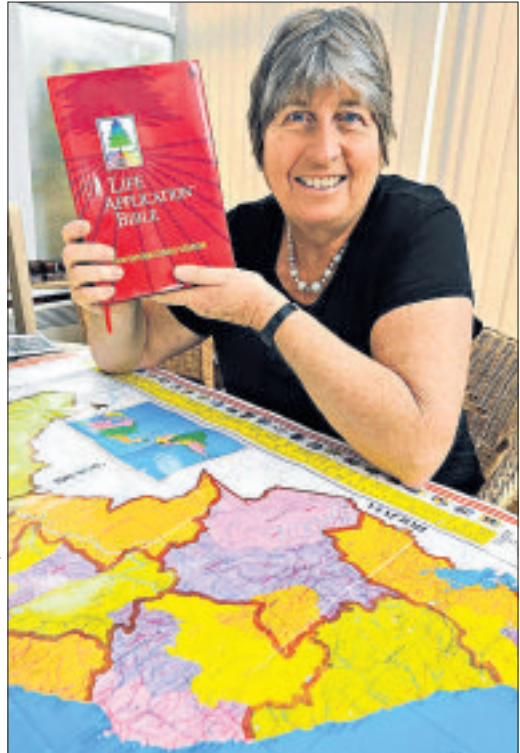
She has helped to improve the quality of life for thousands of families, and guided them spiritually, if they wish, to Christianity.

Margaret, who returns to Peru this month after a five-month return to England, was inspired to devote her life to missionary work by TV documentaries.

By the early 1990s many missionary projects in Peru folded against a growing tide of civil unrest.

Times are less turbulent now, although there are still parts of Lima where cocaine trafficking and murders are rife.

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Margaret Saunderson has worked as a missionary in Peru for the last 30 years

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Block up fly-tipping lane demand angry residents

Blown away by UB40



Brian Travers with students Sasha Spence, aged 17, Dwayne Holness, 16, Ben Bestwick, 16, and Daisy Bussey, 17, at Halesowen College

A FOUNDER member of Birmingham band UB40 has been putting Halesowen College music students through their paces.

Sax player Brian Travers spent a day hosting workshops and sitting in on recording sessions to give students tips on how to improve their skills.

He also gave them an insight into the business side of the music industry.

During the past 30 years, UB40 has achieved more than 70 million record sales, including more than 50 hit records in the UK alone, as well as numerous number one records.

Music lecturer Richard March said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to work alongside one of the most successful and highly acclaimed musicians of his generation."

A NARROW lane in Pensnett is being plagued by fly-tippers who are using it to dump rubbish and causing misery for neighbours.

People living near Gibbons Lane are calling for action to stop "vile" waste being left along the main pathway and undergrowth.

Residents said both household and industrial rubbish was being dumped in the lane, which is often used by pedestrians as a shortcut.

They say the lane, off High Street, which leads to Kingswinford, is obscured by high vegetation making it hard to monitor and a prime target for the fly-tippers.

The land backs on to The Plantation housing estate. More waste has been dumped at the site over the past week and residents said something had to be done. Rubbish includes building waste such as bricks, tiles and rubble alongside other waste which has started to rot.

Problem

Bedside cabinets have been left in the past and there is also a problem with dog mess not being cleaned up and broken glass.

Residents are asking Dudley Council to place bollards at the lane's entrance to the lane to stop vehicles but is unadopted and not under the jurisdiction of any authority.

John Palmer, 68, who lives near the site, said: "The situation has got worse over the past few years. This used to be a nice short-cut but now it is in an appalling condition."

"The latest rubbish to be dumped there is absolutely vile. Part of the waste has started rotting and the smell is just horrible. We hope something can be done about it."

Dudley Councillor David Stanley said: "People who dump rubbish are not only breaking the law they are causing a blot on the landscape and leaving the taxpayer out of pocket."

Bereavement support

A free bereavement support session will be held at St James's Church Hall, Belfry Drive, Wollaston, Stourbridge, on January 27 from 2.30 to 4.30pm. To book places for the Omega sessions call 0845 259 3163 or email the team via carers@omega.uk.net

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Shoppers have their say on supermarket scheme

SHOPPERS have been giving their verdict on plans for a major new supermarket in Kingswinford that will create 70 jobs.

The scheme to revamp Morrisons was scrutinised by hundreds of people.

Traffic congestion was among concerns raised by those living nearby, but many seemed in favour of a larger store.

The supermarket giant wants to demolish its store in Stallings Lane and replace it with a 40,000sq ft one on disused industrial land next to the present.

People viewing the plans also welcomed changes to the petrol station at the site, in Stallings Lane, which would be moved to ease the queues for motorists.

Husband and wife, Brian and Penny Strickland, aged 73 and 60 respectively, of Hyde Lane, Kinver, are regulars at the Morrisons store.

Mrs Strickland welcomed the new store, adding: "We already use their store in Kidderminster as well but this one will be even better."

Improve

"They are also going to improve the layout of the petrol station which will be better as it does get busy."

Resident Carol Plader, 55, who lives nearby, said congestion around the store needs to be improved.

She said proposals to install traffic lights at the Stallings Lane entrance would improve the problem.

"Something needs to be done about the traffic because it can be impossible to turn out onto the main road on some days," she said.

Retired police officer Neville Hayes, 63, who lives on the nearby Charterfields estate, was less taken with the scheme.

He said the proposed traffic lights would not solve the problem and asked for a traffic island to be installed.

Under the plans, parking spaces would be increased from around 250 to about 430.

Morrisons spokeswoman Tracy Hostler said more than 300 people had viewed the exhibition in the first three hours.



An artist's impression of what the new store will look like



Penny and Brian Strickland of Kinver at the consultation

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Do Tories have Christian values?

PRIME MINISTER David now believes an acclamation of Christian values may be the answer to preventing a repeat of the social unrest experienced across Britain last summer.

I agree Christian values such as caring for each other and the pursuit of personal or spiritual fulfilment rather than material things are exactly what society needs, but we should not forget those ideals are encapsulated in many other religions too.

However, since Mr Cameron has specifically expressed Christian ideals, I just wonder what the credentials of the Conservative party might be in this

matter. I would not doubt most of his party regularly attend church, and I suspect therefore many of them will be aware of the drastic decline in church attendances in recent years, especially since the Conservative government relaxed Sunday trading laws in 1994.

Regarding the pursuit of material things, I have so far seen little evidence of this government "Overturning the tables" in the temples of the city.

Indeed, they are forever telling us to spend more. Nor was there much evidence of the "The Good Samaritan", or turning the other cheek when insults were being traded between British,

French and German politicians recently. I suspect that like the use of Britain's veto, this is another ploy specifically intended to rally the jingoistic and the party faithful.

If this Government really wants to know what has brought about a "broken society" I cannot help but recall Mrs Thatcher's words: "There is no such thing as society, only individuals"

It was her government that oversaw the globalisation of banking and the subsequent demutualisation of building societies.

MICHAEL CLIFF,
Wall Heath

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These rich should give more than donations

I HAVE no qualms at all with those wealthy celebrities and millionaires of pensionable age that are giving their £200 and £300 winter fuel allowance to a fund to help those less fortunate than themselves.

It is their money, they can do what they like with it.

But why do they make a song and dance about it? If they want to give it to a charity of their choice, give it to a charity, full stop.

In fact this country has become a charity shop, and a profitable haven for the rest of the world, and this government is giving another £20m in foreign aid to countries that are by far, better off than we are.

Yet the pensioners of this country have their winter fuel allowance reduced by £50, and £100, and we all know how the cost of fuel has risen, yet we are the ones who have the reductions, especially at a time when we need it the most.

What I would like to see is those same celebrities, and millionaires highlighting and campaigning with pensioners for an above the poverty line pension of £178 a week.

They can do this by supporting us through the National Pensioners Convention, who vigorously campaign on all issues related to pensioners.

MRS P A JORDAN
Press Officer
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Grateful for support at a difficult time of life

I HAVE often seen readers' letters praising hospital wards following an in-patient visit, but none for domiciliary care.

I would like to take this opportunity to give praise and thanks to the people who enabled me to care for my husband at home during his terminal illness.

I include the Kingswinford District nurses, the Marie Curie cancer care sisters, Dudley Crossroads, the excellent palliative care team, the MacMillan nurses, and all at Kingswinford Medical Practice.

Without their practical help, kindness and support, I really don't know how I would have coped during the last few months of his life, at a time when I was already exhausted from caring for him for several years.

SANDRA HOLDEN,
Wall Heath

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It's holly insulting replacing real thing

WHERE has all the pride and respect gone from this once great country of ours.

At this time of year many, many people have been visiting our cemeteries to honour and respect their deceased, loved ones.

But I wonder how many had a good look at the various types of wreath that they had laid. Well on a recent annual visit to Bushbury Crematorium I discovered to my total shock and amazement florists, garden centres, nurseries etc are now making and selling goods using plastic, yes, plastic holly. These well out-numbered the few that had real holly. So to the makers and sellers of these counterfeit goods I would say have a good look at yourselves and show some respect to our deceased.

TERRY MILLS
Woodsetton

Enjoyment dwarfed by a little concern

I WRITE to you in connection with the 2pm performance December 18 of Snow white and the Seven Dwarves. I would like to congratulate everyone who played a part in this outstanding production. My self and my three children thoroughly enjoyed it.

However, I see the dwarves were children with masks and pre-recorded voices. I have to be honest at the time I was a little disappointed, however I fully understood in today's economic climate why such a decision may have been made.

Upon leaving the theatre I was approached by a TV crew who asked for a quick review. I was stunned to be asked if I would have been offended if the dwarves had been genuine. It appears there may be a little more than finances at the root of such a decision. I am disgusted at the thought of a theatre being put in a position where political correctness dictates. We do not live any aspect of our lives without politics and prejudices. Was this significant change in cast simply made because little people are at the brunt of political discussion? Surely not.

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New health group chairman named

AN ORGANISATION being set up to give patients and users of health and social care services in Worcestershire a stronger voice has appointed its independent chairman.

Peter Pinfield, a non-executive director of NHS Worcestershire, has been handed the role of helping to establish and then lead the newly formed Health-Watch Worcestershire.

The organisation aims to improve the quality of health and social care services in the county. Mr Pinfield, with a steering group of Worcestershire County Council, NHS Worcestershire, LINK and voluntary organisation representatives, will work to set up Health Watch Worcestershire.

Traditional Burns' night at club base

PEOPLE can enjoy a traditional Scottish Burns' Night feast at Stourbridge Cricket Club.

The highlight of the evening on January 27 will be a traditional haggis, neeps and tatties supper. The evening at the War Memorial Athletic Ground, Amblecote High Street, will feature Scottish dancing.

College open day

A BLACK Country college is preparing for its next open day.

Halesowen College is hosting the event at its Whittingham Road campus on January 28 between 10am and 4pm. Visitors can see its new £5m teaching block.

Builders take away £4.8m Chinese superstore contract

HALESOWEN builders A&H Construction have been awarded a £4.8 million contract to build an extension to the famous Wing Yip Chinese superstore in Birmingham. The project will expand the eight-acre site in Neachells to take in a neighbouring two-acre plot.

Historic carpet firm up for sale

THE "FOR SALE" sign has gone up at Kidderminster's historic Victoria Carpets in a shock move by its directors. The company as a whole employs around 750 people.

Its management has been coming under pressure from shareholders who want to see a bigger return for their investment.

The consortium includes former chairman Alexander Anton, a member of the founding family that brought the company to Kidderminster over a century ago.

Faced with what it considered an attempt to wrest control of the business away from them, management led by chief executive Alan Bullock, has called in accountants BDO and put the business up for sale.

Trading

The company's current market value is £21.5 million and its shares were trading at £3.10 early this week – up 2.5 per cent within minutes of the sale announcement.

More than half of its operations are in Australia. Just 200 still work at the headquarters and carpet factory in Worcester Road, Kidderminster.

The board has been discussing its strategy for the business with a wide range of its shareholders. A deadline is targeted for the end of February for the announcement of a firm offer for the company or its operating businesses.

The site was bought from Birmingham Council by Wing Yip and A&H says that the nine-month project will see more than 50 sub-contractors employed at any one time.

Work is due to start work on February 13. Director Martin Head said: "We are very pleased and honoured to have been selected for this contract by such a prestigious and successful company.

"Come hell or high water we will aim to make sure they are open in time for Christmas."

It caps a successful period for the company, which employs 80 people at its Coombs Road headquarters in Halesowen.

Awarded

A&H has just started work on a new primary school in Chaddeley Corbett and has been awarded the building contract for a new hotel in Bath.

The firm is thought to have beaten off national building companies to win the work, and Mr Head said it would be good news for local sub-contractors who would be recruited to carry out work on the project.

Henry Yap, managing director of the Chinese superstore group, said the project would give them 200,000 sq ft of space across 10 acres.

The work, which begins after the start of the Chinese New Year, which ushers in the Year of the Dragon, is part of a major expansion programme for supermarket group, still headed by founder Wing Yip who is now chairman.

Two more stores are planned, in Nottingham and Cardiff, to add to the existing four.

Leigh dares to try her luck



Leigh Hutchinson, aged 24, who is vying for success in the Top Model UK contest

WHEN self-confessed tomboy Leigh Hutchinson and her friends entered a national modelling contest as a dare, they never expected it to lead anywhere least of all to the finals.

But now Leigh has beaten 4,000 other hopefuls and has reached the final which will be held in March.

The 24-year-old works with clothes every day in her job at Debenhams, Merry Hill.

Leigh, of Plant Court, Brierley Hill, saw an advert for Top Model UK in a magazine and was dared by three pals to enter the contest.

They submitted their details and pictures to the organisers, and although none of her friends made it past the application stage, Leigh was called back for an interview and has been going from strength to strength.

Now Leigh has earned her place she will be stepping out in the "editorial" category at London's Hilton Metropole Hotel.

She now has the chance of winning coaching from professionals with in the industry and going on photoshoots.

New £5m museum for glass planned

A NEW £5 million museum to house the Black Country's glass collection could be open to the public within the next two years, developers say.

But first funding must be secured – and project bosses are appealing to the public for help. It is hoped the attraction at the heart of Stourbridge's glass quarter will bring in more than 500,000 visitors a year.

Designs are being drawn up for the museum to be linked to the nearby Red House Glass Cone via an underground tunnel.

The derelict former Stuart Crystal glassworks in Wordsley will be transformed under the plans which have been years in the pipeline.

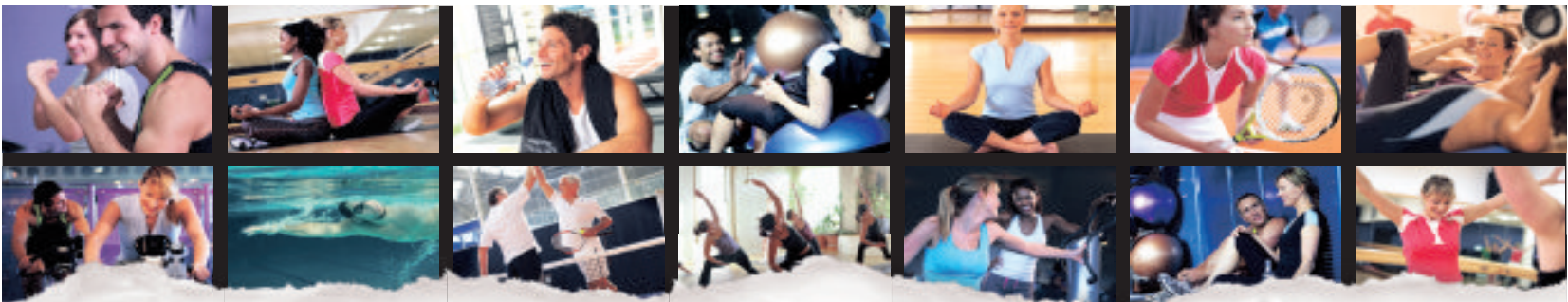
Plans released by Dudley Council, charity the British Glass Foundation and site owners Complex Developments say the "vision could become a reality" by 2013.

But Mr Fisher added additional funds of at least £2 million could be needed. For details visit www.britishglassfoundation.org.uk

Implants action

A BLACK Country MP has demanded tougher rules on cosmetic surgery in the wake of the health scare over breast implants.

Margot James, MP for Stourbridge, raised the issue in parliament and is calling on ministers to explain how clinics and the products they use will be regulated.



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Go-ahead given to new plan for £2.6m revamp

A £2.6 MILLION revamp of a Black Country park has moved a step forward after revised plans were given the go-ahead.

The existing pavilion at Dudley's Priory Park will be extended to provide a modern visitor centre.

It will include educational and community facilities, including public toilets, and will act as a base for a park ranger. The plans had previously been approved by councillors 18 months ago but they had to be resubmitted after the design of the pavilion roof was changed.

It will now be made of timber and plastic rather than metal. Dudley Council's development control committee have unanimously backed the plans.

Happy

Chairman Colin Wilson said: "We have already backed the plans once and are happy to do so again." The development is being paid for by the Heritage Lottery fund.

Other improvements include the building of a "family shelter", a mini football pitch, a new entrance and lighting of the old abbey.

New artwork, including medieval-style floor tiles, sculptural entrances and a gift statue of local hero Dorothy Round, has been designed by students from Castle High School, Priory Primary and Dudley College.

Miss Round, who was born in 1908 and attended Dudley Girls' High School, won Wimbledon in 1934 and 1937. She was the first woman from overseas to win the Australian Open tennis championships, in 1935. She died in 1982.

Solicitors raise funding

More than £1,500 has been raised by a Stourbridge solicitors for charities including Compton Hospice and Marys Stevens Hospice.

Morgan and Co solicitors, in Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, raised the cash through its Will Aid scheme last November.

Students' solar savings



Pupil power – school council members Philip Hunt, left, Robyn Lilly, Jack Best, all aged 14, Natasha Jones, 13, and Rhys Williams, 12

A SCHOOL in Stourbridge will be generating its own electricity after solar panels were fitted to the roof.

The student council at The Wordsley School submitted a bid for £40,000 to the Eco Schools solar programme, Free Power for Schools. The panels will help cut the school's

energy bills and cut its carbon footprint by 14.8 tonnes each year.

Council chairman Pupil Philip Hunt, aged 14, said: "We are proud of our new solar panels. It is good to know that we are not only saving money for the school but that we are also helping the environment."

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Passenger numbers set to double with larger rail cars

DOUBLE the number of passengers will be able to travel on a Stourbridge rail line under £1.7 million plans to introduce larger rail cars.

New 120-seater rail cars, costing around £850,000 each, will be introduced on the Stourbridge town branch line later this year.

Bosses have said they were hopeful the rail cars would run on the line following the opening of the new £7m Stourbridge Bus Station nearby.

More than one million passengers have travelled on the service since the gas-powered rail cars replaced diesel trains on the line three

years ago. The service is operated by Parry People Movers Ltd, which is based in Cradley Heath.

Executive chairman John Parry MBE today said the present 60-seater rail cars on the Stourbridge Town branch line have reached capacity. "We have pushed our service to the limit of its frequency at the current time so the best way to expand is to double the size of our rail cars," he said.

Popular

"Local train services are so popular at the moment and are bursting at the seams.

"It has been a knock-on effect of high parking

costs in the centres of towns that more people are turning to local train services."

Mr Parry said he hoped up to three new rail cars would be needed on the line.

The branch line runs from Stourbridge Town to Stourbridge Junction stations to link up with main line services to London, Birmingham and Worcester.

It is hoped the new railcars, which will be twice the size of the present Class 139 version, would be able to operate six return services an hour on the line. The firm has already announced £5m plans to open a second passenger line on an existing freight railway between Brierley Hill and Stourbridge.

Present traders 'not considered' in plans

A BLUEPRINT for parking across Dudley has been branded "disappointing" by traders.

They say it is geared towards new developments rather than existing homes and businesses.

Dudley Council has released a draft of its parking standards document and is urging residents and shop owners to comment on the plans. The proposals will determine the level of parking to be created at new housing and business developments in the future.

But traders claim they were concerned the document did not sufficiently address how parking could be improved for existing sites within town centres in the borough.

Trader Alan Caswell, who runs the Arcade Toyshop in Dudley town centre, said: "I have looked at the document, and it

does seem to be geared towards future developments rather than how things can be made better for existing places in the town."

Mr Caswell, who has long campaigned for more parking in Dudley, said he still hoped places such as Stone Street Square would be considered as a place for spaces in the future. The consultation on the new document will run until February 20. New cycling bays and disabled parking requirements will also be considered.

More information can be found at www.dudley.gov.uk/parking or 3 St James' Road, Dudley. Comments can be sent in writing by post to the planning policy section, Dudley Council, 3 St James' Road, Dudley, DY1 1HZ, by calling 01384 816364 or emailing Rachel.gandolfi@dudley.gov.uk

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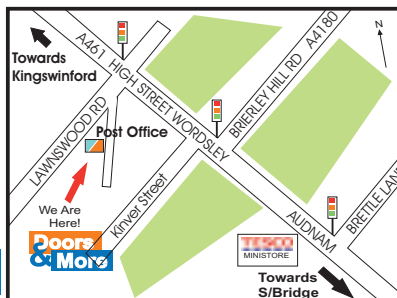
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Second meeting to look into extra gipsy sites

A SECOND consultation into plans for new gipsy and travellers' pitches in Wyre Forest is set to start next month, if councillors agree to consider four extra sites.

The district council says it needs to identify 43 more pitches for gipsies and travellers by 2022, as well as a site for travelling show people. Seven potential sites in the district were considered in a public consultation process in November. But four of the sites were thrown out after councillors ruled that they were not deemed to be suitable.

Now council officers have put forward four additional sites, which are all in Stourport, as possible locations for new pitches.

They will be discussed by councillors at a meeting later this month. If councillors support the proposals, a consultation will run in February and March.

Permission

At the meeting members will discuss whether to turn temporary permission for eight pitches at The Gatehouse site in Sandy Lane into a permanent camp. The panel will also discuss having six pitches on another Sandy Lane plot and one in Broach Road.

Land off Wilden Lane's industrial estate is also proposed to house the "cold season" site for the Jennings funfair family, due to move from its current base in Long Bank, Bewdley. Following the earlier public consultation, sites at Saiwen and Nunn's Corner in Sandy Lane and Gables Yard, Broach Road, have been approved by councillors. The newly-proposed sites will be discussed by Wyre Forest's scrutiny committee on January 30 at 6pm in Stourport Civic Hall.

Artists' annual exhibition

The Brierley Hill Society of Artists have launched their annual exhibition at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone. The work includes watercolours inspired by local scenes as well as portraits and still-life drawings. The exhibition will run until April 1.

Big row breaks out



Nutri-Centre manager Zafran Hussain, and customer service manager Raj Saidha go head-to-head with Birmingham Rowing Club's Emma Tod

EXPERT rowers, shoppers and staff looking to beat the festive excesses took part in a rowing competition at a Black Country supermarket.

Four machines were installed at the Tesco Express store, at Burnt Tree Island on the Dudley-Sandwell border, for challengers to pit their skills against each other.

And expert rowing teams from the

region also turned out to take part - with a team from Birmingham University eventually taking first place.

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There's hope for the silent sufferers

It's hard to imagine after losing natural teeth things could ever be quite the same again.

Denture wearers for too long have often tolerated a catalogue of unresolved problems from poor stabilisation, where prosthetics move on the gums, to an inability to eat a healthy diet.

Added to the physical challenges are the carefully hidden embarrassing moments and the restrictions of being able to live life impulsively. These issues are further

compounded for some by an emotionally corrosive inability to smile freely.

Denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng), who heads the team at the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "For some, losing teeth is life changing and not for the better."

But he is keen to send out a message of hope to the silent sufferers with four major treatment models now available at his clinic aimed at reversing "an untold catalogue of misfortunes" and restoring a warm and engaging smile.

Added to the comprehensive clinical toolbox of solutions – which includes traditional dentures; a cleverly designed suction denture which is held in place by tiny diaphragms creating a vacuum between the gums and teeth; and implant retained dentures – is a system known as All-on-4.

In this feature we take a snapshot of each procedure and in accessible language explain the clinical options available from Mr Burchell and his team.



The Ultra Suction system is suitable for both upper and lower prosthetics

Suction offers a new solution

A cutting-edge development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered at the Denture Clinic.

The invention has the potential to improve the life quality of patients who have previously experienced long-term problems with ill-fitting dentures.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the dentures.

A clever diaphragms principle, triggered by the bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic.

Expectations

Mr Burchell, whose clinic attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a pace. In recent times we have seen what I can only describe as strident steps forward with implant-retained dentures coming into main-stream dentistry, clever technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and now the Ultra Suction product.

"Implant dentistry is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference. The beauty of this technology from New Zealand is that it offers excellent denture retainer qualities without surgery.

"We have always endeavoured to be on the very cusp of clinical development and this is another tool in our commitment to always try to deliver results which are greater than patient expectations," adds Mr Burchell.

Transformations



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ARE they real, or are they false? With cutting-edge technology it's hard to know the difference between natural teeth and clever dentures.

Clinic principal Steve Burchell, whose work has attracted interest from as far as away as Spain, the Isle of Skye, Eastbourne and North Wales, is driving hard a message of hope, which is helping to change the image of false teeth and the people who wear them.

Mr Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), says: "It's my experience that there are too many people putting up with ill-fitting dentures. With lips that are pinched, lower dentures with excessive mobility allowing food ingress between the plate and the gums, sore spots and teeth that do not function well, it's no wonder so many wearers feel at a loss in their search for solutions to their problems.

But the clinician, who has earned a country-wide reputation as a 'smile mechanic', is buoyant about the future for solutions with dentures.

He passionately embraces what he calls "the denture revolution" offering traditional denture wearers precise fittings with the latest injection moulding techniques and natural-looking teeth that are functional too.

"We desperately want people to know there is a solution for most problems. The clinic has a vast wealth of experience to draw upon and we promise to give as much time as people need to resolve issues with the best clinical outcomes," Mr Burchell adds.

IMPLANT RETAINED

AGROWING number of satisfied patients have found a renewed confidence by ditching their traditional dentures for implant retained dentures.

The procedure that became an established form of dentistry in the United States in recent years can now be carried out with the Denture Clinic – and the transition can mean new teeth, which can function just as if they were your own.

Fixed with small titanium screw-like mechanisms that are set, and eventually fused into the bone, they act an effective substitute for the roots of your missing teeth.

Implantologist, Mr Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the clinic has a long-established working relationship, undertakes all the surgical procedures.

Research reveals that as little as two dental implants in the lower jaw will significantly stabilise the prosthetic. A similar procedure can secure the upper teeth, normally with four implant fixings.

The dentures can be snapped on and off their fixings by the patient and provide a guaranteed solution for stabilisation problems.

Advantages include a harmonious fit with gums, the possibility of improved speech and taste, natural chewing function and bite, no more tilting and the end of pressure spot discomfort, restored chewing ability, improved diet, the end of further jaw bone erosion and the smile of your dreams.

ALL-ON-4

A treatment pioneered in Portugal that offers denture wearers teeth that never have to be taken out for cleaning is arriving at the clinic in the New Year. Known as All-on-4, the system embraces implant technology with just four securing post supporting a titanium framework of teeth.

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Drama group panto will celebrate anniversary

A BLACK Country drama group will celebrate 40 years of treading the boards when they stage a production of Cinderella. The Young Ones will perform at Netherton Arts Centre, in Northfield Road, Netherton, from January 21 to January 28. Old Hill-born former Eastenders actress Josie Lawrence, is expected to attend a show.

Veteran performer Mike Bradley will pair up with Grant Chapman to star as the Ugly Sisters, while real-life sisters Esther and Chloe Turner will play Cinderella and The Prince respectively. Performances start at 7.15pm and matinees will be on both Saturdays and January 22 starting 2.15pm. Tickets cost £8 on 01384 895266.

Banquet hall on menu for club, 12 years after closure

A BOARDED-UP nightclub which has stood empty in Dudley town centre for 12 years is being transformed into a banqueting hall.

Fusion, in Martin Hill Street, was sold at auction for £210,000 last October. Thousands of pounds will now be invested in converting the building into a venue for functions such as wedding receptions and conferences.

Views are sought on proposals for budget

Developer Combi Construction has lodged plans for the renovations. They show a main hall with a stage and area for the DJ as well as 16 large tables dotted around the room.

Ike Ahmed, from Combi Construction, said some work had already started and plans had been submitted to Dudley Council for the next stage.

Some of the outside cladding will be replaced.

Considered

"We've got quite a lot of work to do but we are hoping to open by the end of April," he added.

Planners are to consider the scheme within the next two months.

The nightclub has had a controversial past, having been at the centre of a row over a free drinks promotion before it closed.

It introduced a free bar for an hour each Saturday night and admissions rose from 300 to more than 1,000 in just four weeks, sparking complaints from the police.

And it hit the headlines again in 1999 after a Cradley Heath reveller had part of her finger bitten off during a row. Shortly afterwards, it closed due to financial reasons and never reopened, although a new licence was granted in 2005.

The club opened as Goldsmiths in 1987 and became Fusion in 1997 after a £1million revamp.

Energy advice

SMALL businesses and traders in Worcestershire can learn more about renewable energy at a free workshop put on by the council.

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Children join their father as castaways

A BLACK COUNTRY pantomime group is putting its own spin on classic tale Robinson Crusoe.

Stourbridge Pantomime Company's show, running at Stourbridge Town Hall later this month, will star children's entertainer Dave Jones as Dame Crusoe.

His 13-year-old son Connor and nine-year-old daughter Stacie will also sing in the show's junior chorus. Proceeds will be split between charities Reach and The Lupus Society. The show will run from January 21 to 28.

Evening shows start at 7.15pm and matinees start at 2.15pm. Tickets, priced £8, are available from Peter Mills on 01384 836963.

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Work on 200 homes to be catalyst for masterplan

Work has begun on the creation of more than 200 homes on a new estate – kickstarting a masterplan to transform an ailing area of Kidderminster.

A total of 223 homes will be built on the Churchfields Business Park as part of the plans that would see an "urban village" created to

connect shops with the town centre. The proposals, by Bellway Homes, would see the housing development created in Clensmore Street.

Under plans there will be two four-storey blocks of flats, and nine single flats above garages, with the remaining 194 units divided between detached, semi-detached and terraced houses.

A total of 49 homes are earmarked as "low cost" and will be sold to the Wyre Forest Community Housing Group.

Permission

The Churchfields Business Park site was once home to Georgian Carpets and still is the base for a number of factories and warehouses.

Wyre Forest District Council wants to regenerate the area and create a link between that area and the heart of the town centre.

Proposals for the development to connect the Horsefair shopping area and town centre were first announced last year.

Asda also wants to build a new superstore and link road nearby but is waiting for planning permission.

The first phase of the housing development will start imminently and Bellway expect to open a sales cabin during the spring.

The development is named Keeper's Lock, as it looks out onto the canal. Bellway's regional managing director David Campbell-Kelly said: "Our first site in Kidderminster, Honeybrook has been extremely popular, we have every confidence in Keeper's Lock."

"The site has been derelict for some time and the development will enable us to return an otherwise redundant area back to community use and enhance the local area, many residents have voiced their approval of this new development," added Mr Campbell-Kelly.

Infrastructure works are expected to cost £4.2 million and will include a traffic lights at the Blackwell Street roundabout and a link road between Clensmore Street and St Mary's Ringway.

A new bridge linking Clensmore Street with Crossley Retail Park, two pedestrian bridges to cross the canal and general highways works are also planned.

Website for information on services

A NEW website has been set up to provide information about health services in Wyre Forest.

The Wyre Forest Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has launched the website which can be accessed at www.wyreforestccg.nhs.uk

The website hosts health-care information for the area including opening times for Kidderminster Treatment Centre, contact numbers for the urgent out-of-hours service and a function letting visitors search for their nearest GP.

Visitors to the website can also find out information about members of the Wyre Forest CCG board and download the latest newsletters and other publications.

Wyre Forest Clinical CCG has been formed by the 13 GP practices in North-West Worcestershire and is part of a national programme.

CCGs have been established as part of the Government's NHS reforms.

Campaigners looking to raise cash in fire fight

CAMPAIGNERS have just six weeks to raise £10,000 to fund a legal bid to overturn controversial plans which would close a Black Country fire station and see the axe fall on a 24-hour crew.

They are now appealing to local businesses and residents to help their fight which could end up costing the campaigners tens of thousands.

A judicial review is being launched over the decision to shut Halesowen fire station and cut the 24-hour crew which also serves Cradley Heath.

But protesters need to pay solicitors a £10,000 deposit and submit papers to the High Court by February 28 – within three months of the original decision being made. They held a meeting to discuss ways to generate the funding they need.

It is estimated that up to £40,000 needs to be raised to fund the case.

Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris is working with the Halesowen and Cradley Heath Fire Station Action Group, including local business and community leaders.

The group is also looking at organising fundraising events and getting community groups involved to help with the drive.

Protesters are concerned that the West Midlands Fire Authority plans will leave the area unprotected and firefighters said the move was a "dark day for the public of Halesowen".

Family escape blaze

A WOMAN and five children climbed down scaffolding to escape a burning flat after flames engulfed a balcony and spread to the living room.

Police and fire crews helped them to safety after being called to the property in Breton Court, Halesowen, at last week. Firefighters said the 26-year-old occupier had raised the alarm after hearing a loud bang from the living room.

The woman then rounded up the children, a 12-year-old, nine-year-old, five-year-old and two two-year-olds in the front bedroom.

With the help of police and fire crews they were able to use scaffolding put up outside the property for maintenance work to climb out and be lifted to safety.

Fear over implants



Jenna Johnson now worried about her implants

A WOMAN from the Black Country says she feels "extremely frightened and angry" after finding herself in the middle of a health scare over silicone breast implants. Jenna Johnson, aged 27, believed she was having saline implants fitted when she had an operation privately two years ago after losing 8st.

But she has been horrified to learn they were filled with non-medical grade silicone intended for use in mattresses. They were manufactured by now-closed French company Poly Implant Protheses (PIP), which has hit the headlines after health concerns were raised. The French government told women with these implants to have them removed.

Miss Johnson, of The Infield, Cradley Heath, had her operation at The Hospital Group's Dolan Park cosmetic hospital in Bromsgrove. "I believed I had purchased saline implants not silicone ones so I'm extremely frightened and angry about all of this. I don't know whether I've had a rupture so I'm worried about what could happen."

The Hospital Group website, dated January 9, said: "The latest advice from the department of health continues to be there is not sufficient evidence to recommend routine removal of PIP implants, women who are concerned should speak with their GP."

Art exhibition will be staged at Glass Cone

LANDSCAPES paintings, portraits and still life drawings form part of an art exhibition taking place at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone.

Members of the Brierley Hill and district society of artists are hosting their annual showcase in the attraction until March 1.

The work includes a range of media and styles including life drawings. The majority of works will be on sale throughout the exhibition.

It is the seventh time the cone, off Camp Hill, has held an exhibition by the society – now in its 65th year.

Dudley Councillor David Stanley, said: "We are proud to be hosting the society's exhibition again this year."

The Red House Glass Cone is open Monday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm, admission is free. Call 01384 812750 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk/museums.

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Glimpse into the future that brings light rail link

THESE pictures are the first glimpse of how a multi-million pound light rail network between Brierley Hill and Stourbridge could look under new plans.

They were released as bosses revealed work could start within the next two years, creating dozens of jobs. Three metro-style stations would be built as part of the £5 million project to run passenger railcars on a four-mile section of an existing freight line. Passengers would be able to catch the railcars from The Waterfront, in Brierley Hill.

Railcars would then stop at a newly reopened Brierley Hill town railway station, off Station Road, which has been shut for more than 60 years.

A stop would be built near Corbett Hospital, Amblecote, before railcars travel on to Stourbridge Junction to connect up with main line services to London, Worcester and Birmingham.

Principle

Cradley Heath based-firm Parry People Movers has attracted £1m in principle from the Government's Regional Growth Fund to kick-start the project.

The firm already runs the branch line between Stourbridge Town and Junction stations.

The cash allows the firm to begin research and development into the plans to evaluate the existing infrastructure like the tracks and help develop new vehicles for the line.

Further funding will involve a leasing company putting up around £2.5m for the cost of the buying three new trains.

Executive chairman John Parry said it was great news for the company and the Black Country.

New jobs including drivers, cleaners and maintenance workers will be needed if the proposals become a reality.

"This is the biggest news for the company for a long time and we are delighted to be working on this project," he said.



How the new multi-million pound light rail network could look



The project could begin within the next two years creating new jobs

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Cabaret proved a cracker

STOURTON WI

AT OUR December meeting, members entertained the committee with a Christmas cabaret evening.

During a short business meeting hot punch and savouries were served followed by games and entertainment including musical hats (with some cheating), Christmas poems and a ballet showing the dance skills of six brave members.

The grumpy old women sketch made us laugh as it was so true to life.

The evening ended with mince pies and tea and we all sang carols with Jane at the piano.

On January 4, our president, Gill Elwell, hosted a coffee morning and a table of bring and buy gifts. A fine start to the New Year.

Carols and great prizes

CHASETOWN WI

THE last meeting of 2011 was our Christmas party, held in the Old Mining College, and we all provided festive refreshment.

Jayne, our treasurer had made up a truly splendid raffle. There were many prizes, the star prize being a Christmas hamper. After eating as much as we could manage we sang carols.

We missed our usual Christmas keyboard player, Terry, he was unable to be with us due to ill health.

Townswomen in briefs encounter



Left, Sandra Paget and Floss Dickinson displaying undies for sale at the January meeting and, right, Floss Dickinson auctioning items, assisted by Julia Willett



BROWNHILLS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen in June our meeting takes the form of a street party as realistic as we can make it.

After a cuppa and a chat we held an auction run by Floss Dickinson. This created much hilarity with some cheeky 25p bids and Floss's undoubted jocular selling approach. A healthy £90-plus was raised for guild funds.

An evening to remember

BLACK COUNTRY SOCIETY

THE Christmas meeting of the Kingswinford branch was held on December 14 when we welcomed The New Dimensional Experience Choir from Kidderminster.

It was a most enjoyable evening with traditional and modern carols interspersed with reading, monologues and soloists.

The Bold Gendarmes duet was much applauded.

The conductor, Mr John

Quelch, added humour to the evening when he joked with choir and audience.

The evening concluded with a lady choir member leading us with enthusiasm in the Twelve Days of

Christmas. The audience responded well, taking part in all the actions.

There was an interval when mince pies and wine were enjoyed by choir and audience.

A jolly evening to remember with humour and also conveying the message of Christmas to us all.

We hope that this choir will be able to visit us at a future date.

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Have your say on centre plans

A CONSULTATION on plans to open up Halesowen town centre for developments including a major new department store and multiplex cinema has been launched.

Residents will have until February 20 to have their say on the Dudley Council proposals, which aim attract tens of millions of pounds of investment.

Bosses also hope the Halesowen Area Action Plan, if approved, will lead to the creation of hundreds of jobs.

Businesses, residents, visitors and community organisations are now being asked for their views.

The plans contain proposals to knock down the "outdated" Cornbow Hall and the adjacent multi-storey car park and replace them with a

department store and a new car park.

An hotel and around 65,000 sq ft of new, smaller shops were also among the council's plan for the town, which are to be implemented by 2026.

The action plan outlines nine potential areas for development in the town centre.

Aside from the Cornbow Hall, one of the main sites is the Trinity Point office block.

Also on the list for redevelopment is Fountain House near the River Stour.

Marketing

A report published on the plan states that despite years of "proactive" marketing, the office block has continued to stand vacant.

A new public open square, linking Birmingham Street and Cobham Street, is also included in the plans.

Council officers will be available at the

Cornbow Shopping Centre on February 1 to discuss the document.

Cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Angus Adams, said: "The feedback we receive from this consultation will help to influence future planning for the Halesowen Area Action Plan.

"I hope as many people as possible visit council officers at the Cornbow shopping centre on Wednesday 1 February to find out more and to be a part of the town's future."

Any comments which interested parties may have can be sent in writing to the planning policy section, Dudley Council, 3 St James's Road, Dudley DY1 1HZ.

Alternatively you views and suggestions can be phoned in by calling 01384 814173 or you can make contact using your computer or smart phone and emailing david.piper@dudley.gov.uk.

£4m homes project is being planned for village

A £4 MILLION project to build new homes in a village near Stourport has been announced by developers.

Old precast concrete flats will be demolished in Hartlebury to make way for a mixture of 35 two and three-bedroom houses and apartments.

Developer Festival Housing is behind the scheme and says the proposals will bring new affordable homes to the Worcester-shire village.

The existing flats at Woodbury Close were built 60 years ago from concrete and bosses at the Malvern-based firm say they have proven increasingly difficult to let. Homes will be built on two sites within the village, off Woodbury Close and Worcester

Road. A planning application is expected to go before Wychavon District Council in the coming weeks. But if successful, demolition work on the existing flats could start before the end of the year.

Festival Housing's commercial director, Richard Grounds, said it was an exciting development for the area.

"We will be working with local residents, the parish council and other interested parties to make sure the new development is of the highest quality and provides sustainable and affordable homes in the village for local people," he said.

"The existing flats do not meet the standards that residents expect today, and are difficult to keep warm."

Pupils honoured



Manor Way Primary pupils get their award from Bronya Walker and Ray Clift, from the Royal British Legion

KIND-HEARTED schoolchildren from the Black Country have been honoured for their efforts in raising hundreds of pounds for past and present serving members of the armed forces.

Pupils from Manor Way Primary School and Windsor High School, both Halesowen, received the accolades for raising the most money for the 2011 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Ceremony

Last week representatives from the legion's Halesowen branch were on hand to present the awards to youngsters at a ceremony which was held at Manor Way Primary School.

It is the fifth time Windsor High School has received the award for the highest fundraising secondary school in the town.

Pupils raised £468 for the appeal.

And it was the second year running youngsters at Manor Way have raised the largest amount for a primary school. They brought in £608.

Ex-servicemen invited to take part in ceremony

EX-SERVICEMEN are invited pay their respects to members of the armed forces past and present at an event later in the year.

Wyre Forest District Council will again host its annual flag-raising ceremony on June 25 to celebrate Armed Forces Day.

The event will be held at Stourport Civic Centre, in New Street, from 10.30am and will be timed to coincide with other events being held around the country.

It forms part of activities leading up to Armed Forces Day on June 30.

Residents and armed forces representatives are being invited to attend event and, if appropriate, to wear their full military regalia, berets or blazers to mark the occasion.

Members of armed forces groups will get the chance to parade their standards.

Those taking part will be met by a council officer at 10am and asked to gather in front of the civic hall.

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- The school enables high aspirations
- Students make a strong contribution to



Young voice – Sophie Carter, the school representative on the Dudley Youth Parliament

the school and wider community.

Coseley has strong links with partner primary schools and has worked with a number of them offering enrichment activities and promoting excellent transition to ensure a smooth transfer when students begin school. Student and parental involvement is actively encouraged.

The school is proud to be a community school, working hard to enable students and the local community to benefit from the many opportunities on offer. We are celebrating the

success of many of our students this year in particular four year 11 dancers will be performing in the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympics and a year 10 student is celebrating achieving the Dudley Youth Award for bravery and courage.

Choosing which school to send your child to is one of the most important decisions a parent will face, knowing your child is taught in a safe, caring environment by highly skilled specialist teachers is why many parents choose Coseley for their child.



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THE WAY I SEE IT

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Out on patrol to see police doing their job on the frontline

I WAS AT Birmingham Cathedral for a memorial service for the late, great David Grove OBE.

He was a fellow Old Wulfrunian & West Midlands industrialist who, at the time of his death in November, employed 1,500 people.

Digby, Lord Jones of Birmingham, spoke very movingly at the service. I have made a charity donation in David's memory - if you knew David or would like to make a donation visit www.justgiving.com/david-grove

I held a very busy constituency advice surgery at Wordsley Community Centre followed by a meeting of the Dudley South Conservative Association executive committee at Kingswinford Conservative Club.

On patrol

I then out on night patrol until 3am with Pc Mark Griffin of Dudley Police.

Whilst I was out with him there was one stabbing in the borough and two calls to police about domestic violence.

It is clear drugs are a real menace in our society as a majority of incidents police are called to day-in, day-out involve, at some level, illegal drugs.

My night-time visit was partly intended to highlight some of the issues around excessive alcohol consump-

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter



"It is not fair that families earning £20,000 or £25,000 are being taxed to pay the child benefit of families earning £80,000 or £100,000."

tion. As the pubs began closing I saw at first-hand how the borough's CCTV cameras and police force were working hard to maintain law and order.

I saw the custody cells at Brierley Hill Police Station, containing drug and alcohol testing equipment, a digital fingerprint reader and photograph booth, as well as the recently mothballed cells at Stourbridge Police Station.

I also visited the control room at Halesowen Police Station. It was a very informative and interesting night which reinforced my admiration for the work our police.

Metal

I appeared on the BBC

Midlands Politics Show talking about my campaign to eliminate cash from the metal trade as a means of reducing the theft of metal from public sector sites, power and transport infrastructure, private companies, church roofs and community centres etc.

Following meetings with ministers I am now hopeful 2012 will be the year we see much tighter regulation of the metal trade.

Child benefit

We do think it is fair to ask the better off to make a contribution to dealing with the deficit so the Government will be removing Child Benefit from higher rate tax-

payers as announced.

How the Government does that will be set out in the next few months. It is not fair that families earning £20,000 or £25,000 are being taxed to pay the child benefit of families earning £80,000 or £100,000.

Labour left Britain in a mess. Under Labour for every £4 spent by government, £1 was borrowed. Our debt got so big we were spending £120 million every day just paying the interest - and that bill is getting bigger.

The banks made a bad situation worse, but what really got Britain into this mess was years of Labour spending money we didn't have and couldn't afford.

And created a something for nothing culture

Labour's something for nothing culture was about more than just the Government borrowing money that we did not have. They failed to tackle welfare so that it was easier not to work, they let immigration get out of control and the failed to improve our education system.

And now they don't have a plan to deal with it

Labour's 'Plan B' of more spending, more borrowing and more debt is a plan for bankruptcy. What we're facing is a debt crisis - too much borrowing and too much debt at every level - and the solution cannot be even more borrowing and more debt.

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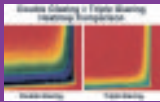
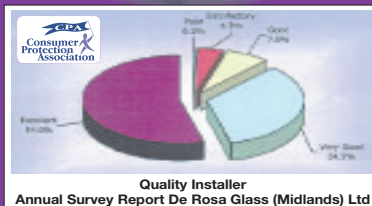
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Black Country Living Museum's 'icebreaker' Ross in 1963 during the 'Big Freeze.'



Stourbridge FC groundsman Jack Corbett was hoping to beat the freeze during the record-breaking winter of February, 1963, by borrowing a spike harrow to get the pitch fit for the following day's game

Big freeze brings out the best from Black Country

Fiona Carding of the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley looks back to the Big Freeze of 1963

NEW YEAR 2012 saw unseasonably hot weather sizzling across the UK and some parts of the country reached temperatures higher than Spain.

It was, however, a very different story in January 1963 when the country endured "The Big Freeze" and one of the coldest winters on record.

Temperatures plummeted and rivers froze as blizzard conditions swept across the country. Three feet deep snow drifts caused chaos blocking roads and railways across the Black Country. Snow drifts of up to 22ft high brought much of the South West and Wales to a standstill and in Kent a mile stretch of sea turned to ice.

Margaret Millington from Coseley said: "I can remember it being so cold that the canal in Upper

MEMORY LANE by Fiona Carding

Church Lane, Tipton froze over. My teenage friends skated on it like an ice rink and enjoyed sliding up and down.

"You took your life in your hands just walking to work as the paths were so dangerous. The gritters were simple open lorries with a couple of men shoveling salt and grit onto the road.

Slipping

"Houses still had open fires in those days and ash would also be spread over the ground to stop people slipping."

Walsall and Wolverhampton depended on supplies of coal from mines on Cannock Chase in Staffordshire and disruption caused an upsurge in sales of electric fires.

Warming food like rabbit stew, broths and soups kept the cold at

bay and people wrapped up in thick coat and boots. Les Millington said: "My brother-in-law worked for the council and would be up at 3am to do the gritting. I can remember him leaving the house dressed in long Johns with two pairs of trousers over the top to keep out the cold."

Milk was frozen in the bottles on the doorsteps and would often freeze in the house as there was no central heating.

People would snuggle up by the fire or go to bed early to keep warm and save coal. The more well off your were the more you could afford to stockpile coal which would last you through the bitter winter.

If you depended upon a weekly wage however, your coal supplies would probably run out within a week.

One thing however, remains the same today as it always was.

The vagaries of the weather brings out the best of British as people, both past and present, pull together in the face of the Great British winter.



It was not all misery and chaos due to the freezing temperatures and snowdrifts some took advantage of the cold spell in 1963 to enjoy themselves such as this family who were out on a sledge ride in February of that year



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Like so many people I am not used to being without the four wheels but I must say going by coach made a wonderful change and probably saved a fortune on petrol costs.

We stayed at the handily-placed Hilton Metropole in Edgware Road within walking distance of Marylebone rail station and tube and not too far from the shopping mecca, Oxford Street. As well as a ground floor lounge bar the four-star hotel has a beautiful bar on the 25th floor with fantastic views over the city.

Cruise

You could visit London numerous times and never run out of places to see. Hop back on to the coach and head off to the Houses of Parliament. A visit to the Commons is fascinating and you can see where your MP spends his or her time. It does look surprisingly smaller than when you see it on the TV.

Most trips will allow you some spare time for sightseeing or shopping or stopping for a bite to eat or a coffee.

Instead of just going out for a meal why not combine it with a cruise down the Thames. City Cruises' showboats offer the best of all worlds, three-course meal and entertainment that wouldn't be out of place in a top show. The benefit of being

Relax on a coach and see the sights without having to battle the traffic

on the coach means that you can have a guided tour, pointing out all the best sights and the courier can give you the history and stories about them, the sort of tit bits that you may not be able to read on any website or in a travel guide.

It also means that you can actually have good luck at the sights instead of glimpsing them while you are driving along trying to dodge the many cyclists in the city.

Jewels

Next day off to the Tower of London and a glimpse of those famous crown jewels and a chance to discover the history of a royal palace, an armoury and a powerful fortress.

And for a jewel in the London pub scene check out the historic Anchor pub by the river in Southwark. A timbered pub, it may look small from the outside but it is a maze of rooms.

On to Greenwich, the place to be this year with the Olympics as the equestrian events will be held there. There is a special clock at the Royal Observatory counting down the days to the start of the Olympics. Walk across to the National Maritime museum and the World Heritage site.

And while you are in London this is a MUST. Make sure you book into one of the many fantastic shows that are on offer at the array of theatres. London remains one of the most popular destinations for coach tours and if you are wanting to book a show this is probably one of the most cost-effective ways to combine a tour with shopping and a show.

As the coach firm can normally book up

show tickets at discount prices and sort out hotel deals, it can work out far more affordable to do it this way then book separately and have to sort out and pay for your travel and overnight stay if you plan to make a weekend of it.

And such trips are not confined to London, check out deals with the coach companies and you will find an endless list of trips on offer, both in this country and overseas.

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SUE ATTWATER



Make time for a trip to the Tower of London where you can marvel at the Crown Jewels and (below) the Royal Observatory at Greenwich which is now on countdown for the Olympics



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Mon 19th Nov 5 DAYS Eastbourne Haddon Hall Hotel Tinsel/Turkey with excursions£265.00

Mon 26th Nov 5 DAYS Torquay Nethway Hotel Tinsel/Turkey with excursions£209.00

Mon 3rd Dec 5 DAYS Babbacombe Anchorage Hotel Tinsel/Turkey with excursions.....£209.00

Mon 10th Dec 5 DAYS Llanduno Queens Hotel Tinsel/Turkey with excursions.....£229.00

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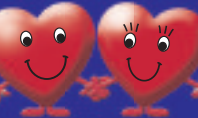
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6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. The opening semi-final. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 5.35 Winter Wipeout.

6.35 The Magicians. Great British Bake Off presenter Mel Giedroyc, former world heavyweight boxing champion David Haye and Got to Dance judge Kimberly Wyatt join the professionals.

7.50 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles presents the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.

8.40 Casualty. Linda's sister turns up in the ED, on the run from social services and desperate for a place to stay, while Lloyd's actions put a patient in danger.

9.30 Live at the Apollo. Jack Whitehall hosts the stand-up show. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Queens Park Rangers v Wigan Athletic; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.00 Weather. 1.05 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Film: Whale Rider. (2002) Drama, starring Keisha Castle-Hughes. 1.35 Film: Fire Down Below. (1957) Romantic drama, with Rita Hayworth, Robert Mitchum, Jack Lemmon and Bonar Colleano. 3.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Live Snooker: The Masters. The opening semi-final. 5.30 Pappano's Essential Tosca. (R)



6.30 Flog It! Charlie Ross and Elizabeth Talbot appraise collectibles at Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire, while Paul Martin explores the building's history. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army. A major decides Corporal Jones is too old to be in the Home Guard unless he can complete an assault course. (R)

8.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. The second semi-final. Further coverage from Alexandra Palace, where the line-up for the final of the non-ranking tournament is decided.

10.30 FILM: Doubt. (2008) Premiere. A disciplinarian nun at a Catholic school suspects a charismatic priest of behaving inappropriately with a student. Drama, with Meryl Streep.

12.10 Snooker Extra. 2.10 Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.35 Film: Richie Rich. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. 11.25 This Morning: Saturday. 12.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 1.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 2.30 ITV News: Weather. 2.45 Animals Do the Funniest Things. (R) 3.45 Film: Jurassic Park III. (2001) Action adventure sequel, starring Sam Neill. 5.30 Regional Programmes. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates camcorder calamities.

6.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp. 7.00 Take Me Out. A personal trainer, a football freestyler, a student and a mobile-phone salesman take part.

8.15 The Talent Show Story. The changing role of the talent-show host.

9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Daniel Radcliffe, Noel Fielding, David Attenborough and Seal.



10.15 ITV News; Weather. 10.30 Celebrity Juice. With Oily Murs and Caroline Flack.

11.15 FILM: Inside I'm Dancing. (2004) Drama, with James McAvoy.

1.05 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.05 In Plain Sight. 3.50 ITV News. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 FreeSports on 4. (R) 7.25 GT Academy. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4: Everyone's Talking About - Top 10. 9.25 T4: Live and Lost: Chipmunk. (R) 9.55 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.25 T4: Desperate Scousewives. 11.25 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 11.55 T4: New Girl. (R) 12.25 T4: Playing It Straight. 1.25 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 4.20 Channel 4 Presents - Will Bayley 2012. (R) 4.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.30 Channel 4 News.

6.00 4thought.tv. A woman explains her approval of China's population-control policy.

6.05 FILM: Fame. (2009) Musical remake, with Kay Panabaker, Natirui Naughton and Kherington Payne.



8.15 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

9.50 FILM: Transporter 2. (2005) Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Alessandro Gassman.

11.30 FILM: The Abyss. (1989) Sci-fi thriller, with Ed Harris.

2.05 The Island. (R) 2.20 Abductees. (R) 2.35 St Elsewhere. (R) 3.25 90210. (R) 4.05 Force of Nature. (R) 4.30 Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 10.20 It's All About Amy. (R) 11.20 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) 12.20 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) 12.50 Film: Along Came Polly. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. 2.30 Film: 55 Days at Peking. (1963) Fact-based period drama, starring Charlton Heston. 5.30 Film: Joe Kidd. (1972) Western, starring Clint Eastwood.

7.10 5 News Weekend. 7.15 NCIS. Gibbs revisits his home town to investigate an assault that left one Marine dead and another badly injured - and enlists the help of his estranged father to identify the assailant. (R)

8.15 Celebrity Big Brother. A round-up of Friday's action from the star-studded bungalow, including another celebrity packing their suitcase and returning to their normal lives away from 24-hour scrutiny.

9.15 FILM: Made of Honor. (2008) Romantic comedy, starring Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan, Kevin McKidd and Kadeem Hardison.

11.10 Celebrity Wedding Planner. With former Apprentice contestants Raef Jayou and Stuart Baggs. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 Great Artists. (R) 4.25 Divine Designs. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.35 American Idol 6.25 Film: The Borrowers. (1997) Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman, Jim Broadbent, Celia Imrie, Flora Newbigin and Tom Felton. Including FYI Daily. 8.15 Take Me Out - The Gossip 9.00 Film: Notting Hill (1999) 11.25 Film: Analyze This. (1999) Comedy, with Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal, Lisa Kudrow, Chazz Palminteri and Joe Viterelli. Including FYI Daily.

ITV3
2.45 Bertie and Elizabeth 4.45 A Touch of Frost 7.00 Rosemary & Thyme 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Foyle's War 11.00 Wallis and Edward

ITV4
3.15 Film: Licence to Kill (1989) 5.55 Film: Where Eagles Dare (1969) 9.00 Ali: Still the Greatest 10.00 Film: When We Were Kings. (1996) Oscar-winning documentary, by Leon Gast. 11.50 Film: American HistoryX. (1998) Drama, starring Edward Norton.

BBC THREE
7.00 Top Gear. Michael Sheen is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. 8.00 Sherlock 9.30 Film: Enemy of the State (1998) 11.35 Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Amazon: Unnatural Histories 8.00 Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity 9.00 Borgen 11.00 Top of the Pops: 1977 11.35 Word Up! - Black American Pop at the BBC

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Desperate Scousewives 5.05 Scrubs 6.05 The Big Bang Theory 7.05 Happy Endings 7.35 How I Met Your Mother 8.00 Rules of Engagement 8.35 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Beverly Hills Cop (1984) 11.10 The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.50 Paths of Glory (1957) 4.35 Hope Floats (1998) 6.50 Rat Race (2001) 9.00 Role Models (2008) Comedy, starring Paul Rudd and Sean William Scott. 11.00 44 Inch Chest (2009)

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6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Country Tracks: Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.00 Sunday Politics. 1.00 EastEnders. 2.55 The Royal Bodyguard. (R) 3.25 Escape to the Country. 4.25 Songs of Praise. 5.00 Regional Programmes. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker takes a walk through the Wye Valley. Ellie Harrison learns of a local restoration project, and John Craven investigates the controversy surrounding veal.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Miranda Hart joins the cast as clumsy new midwife Chummy. Jessica Raine and Amy McAllister co-star in the period medical drama.

9.00 Birdsong. First of a two-part drama adapted from Sebastian Faulks' novel. A man begins an affair with a married woman in pre-First World War France.

10.25 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.50 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Arsenal v Manchester United.

11.55 Room 101 - Extra Storage. Frank Skinner hosts a revamped version of the show.

12.35 Weatherview. 12.40 Sign Zone. Film: 2012 with Claudia Winkelman. (R) 1.20 Holly City. (R) 2.20 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 3.05 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.05 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Film: The high and the mighty. (1954) Disaster thriller, starring John Wayne. 1.50 Live Snooker: The Masters. 4.45 Ski Sunday. 5.30 Porridge. (R)

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6.00 The Last Explorers. New series. Neil Oliver examines the feats of four Scottish adventurers who helped to shape the modern world with their discoveries and ideas, beginning with David Livingstone.

7.00 The Many Faces of Les Dawson. Profile of the Manchester-born comedian. (R)

8.00 Live Snooker: The Masters. The concluding session of the final. Coverage from Alexandra Palace, London, where the first player to win 10 frames will be crowned champion. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

11.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. With Alun Cochrane and Sarah Millican. (R)

11.30 Fast and Loose. Featuring David Armand, Greg Davies and Justin Edwards. Last in the series. (R)

12.00 Film: Jackknife. (1989) Drama, starring Robert De Niro and Ed Harris. 1.40 BBC News. 4.10 Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Ade in Britain. (R) 10.30 Dinner Date. (R) 11.30 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 12.30 ITV News: Weather. 12.40 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 1.45 Film: Columbo: Requiem for a Falling Star. (1973) 3.45 Vera. (R) 5.40 Regional Programmes. 5.55 ITV News; Weather.

6.10 Dancing on Ice. The 13 remaining contestants perform on the same show for the first time, skating to songs from films in a bid to wow the judges and viewers and survive another week on the ice. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.

8.30 Wild at Heart. Danny finds a potential lifeline for the family as he pitches for a grant that would enable him to buy Leopard's Den, but his old boss Ed Lynch is also competing for the money.

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.

10.00 That Sunday Night Show. With Ardal O'Hanlon and Ross Noble.

10.30 ITV News: Weather.

10.45 FILM: Alexander. (2004) Historical epic, starring Colin Farrell.

11.00 Good Night Anti-Snoring Ring

1.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.00 Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) 2.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freeports on 4. (R) 7.30 Channel 4: Presents - Oscar Pistorius "Blade Runner" The Paralympic gold medalist explains his motivations. (R) 7.35 T4: That Paralympic Show. (R) 8.00 T4: One Tree Hill. (R) 8.50 T4: Hollyoaks. (R) 11.20 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.55 T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. 12.55 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.35 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 2.05 Film: Ladyhawke. (1985) Fantasy, starring Rutger Hauer and Michelle Pfeiffer. 4.25 Deal or No Deal. 5.25 Channel 4 News. 5.55 4thought.tv.

6.00 Time Team. New series. Gateholm Island, Pembrokeshire.

7.00 Hugh's Three Hungry Boys. The friends explore what the sea has to offer.

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8.00 The Hotel. Manager Mark throws a pool party for guests.

9.00 FILM: 127 Hours. (2010) Premiere. Danny Boyle's fact-based drama, with James Franco and Kate Mara.

10.50 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. (R)

11.40 Ben Elton: Laughing at the 80s. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flovertoots. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 6.50 Castle Farm. (R) 6.55 Igam Ogam. (R) 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 7.35 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 Olivia. (R) 8.20 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.40 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) 10.00 Zoo Days. (R) 10.05 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.35 Grey's Anatomy. (R) 11.30 Celebrity Big Brother. (R) 12.30 Benidorm ER. (R) 1.30 Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training. (1986) Comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. 3.05 Film: Little Man. (2006) Comedy, starring Marlon Wayans. 4.55 Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls. (1995) Comedy sequel, starring Jim Carrey.

6.40 FILM: Spider-Man. (2002) Comic-book adventure, starring Tobey Maguire.

9.05 World's Greatest Heroes. (R)

9.55 5 News.

10.00 Celebrity Big Brother.

11.00 FILM: Single White Female. (1992) Thriller, starring Bridget Fonda and Jennifer Jason Leigh.

1.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 County Secrets. (R) 4.10 Great Scientists. (R) 4.35 Divine Designs. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

6.05 Agatha Christie's Poirot. 9.00 Lewis. The Batteries Not Included (1987) 7.05 Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) 9.00 Winners & Losers 10.00 Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005)

ITV2

2.45 Film: Back to the Future (1985) 5.00 Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) 7.05 Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) 9.00 Winners & Losers 10.00 Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005)

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3.55 Film: From Time to Time (2009) 5.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Lewis. The Batteries Not Included (1987) 7.05 Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) 9.00 Winners & Losers 10.00 Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005)

ITV4

2.35 Film: The Big Country (1958) 5.55 The Professionals 7.00 UEFA Champions League Greatest Goals 7.10 Film: Escape to Victory (1981) 9.30 Africa Cup of Nations 11.00 Film: Lethal Weapon (1987)

BBC THREE

7.00 Film: Bee Movie (2007) 8.20 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: NOT IN 3D 8.30 World's Craziest Fools 9.00 Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2011 10.00 American Dad! 10.45 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 Pugin: God's Own Architect 8.00 The Story of Musicals 9.00 Les Mis at 25: Matt Lucas Dreams the Dream 10.00 Film: The Boy Friend (1971)

E4

3.40 Being Erica 4.40 Samantha Who? 5.10 Film: Taxi (2004) 7.10 90210 8.05 David Blaine: Magic Man 9.00 Desperate Housewives 11.00 Rude Tube

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2.40 Carry On Nurse (1959) 4.20 Independence Day (1996) 7.00 Life or Something Like It. (2002) Comedy, starring Angelina Jolie, Edward Burns, Tony Shalhoub and Stockard Channing. 9.00 Working Girl. (1988) Comedy, starring Melanie Griffith, Sigourney Weaver and Harrison Ford. 11.10 White Men Can't Jump (1992)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Live Bowls. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Baking Made Easy. (R) 7.30 A Question of Taste. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 An Island Parish. 9.00 The Real Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines: A Wonderland Film. 10.00 Mock the Week — Again. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 American Football. 12.20 Bowls. 1.20 BBC News. 3.40 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Presents — Ellie Simmonds 2012. (R) 1.10 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.30 Film: Passport to Pimlico. (1949) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 SuperScrippers. 9.00 Coppers. 10.00 Party Paramedics. 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 Shameless. (R) 12.15 The Joy of Teen Sex. (R) 1.10 Embarrassing Bodies. (R) 2.05 Undressing My Mother. (R) 2.10 Brain Damage. (R) 2.15 St Elsewhere. (R) 3.05 90210. (R) 3.45 Designers Under Pressure. (R) 4.00 Rome: The Model Empire. (R) 4.55 Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) 5.55 Salt Mail. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Live Bowls. The World Indoor Championships. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo visits Hadrian's Wall. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 7.30 Match of the Day. 8.00 The Russell & Crystal Palace. (Kick-off 7.45pm). 10.00 Rod Gilbert's Work Experience. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. 11.25 Meet Your Brain. 12.20 Bowls. 1.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 1.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.20 Film: Blithe Spirit. (1945) Supernatural comedy, starring Rex Harrison. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 The Fat Fighters. 9.00 15 Kids and Counting. The problems caused by sibling rivalry in large families. 10.00 Shameless. 11.05 Desperate Housewives. 12.00 Random Acts. 12.05 Poker. 1.10 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 1.35 KOTV: Boxing Weekly. 2.05 Volleyball. 3.00 GT Academy. (R) 3.25 That Paralympic Show. (R) 3.55 Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby GB Cup 2011. (R) 4.50 European Wheelchair Fencing Championships 2011. (R) 5.15 Scrapheap Challenge. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Live Bowls. The World Indoor Championships. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Hair Bikers' Best of British. 8.00 National Lottery. 8.05 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2011 — Meet Your Brain. 12.20 Bowls. 1.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. 1.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.25 Film: The Belles of St Trinian's. (1954) Comedy, starring Alastair Sim. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 How to Cook Like Heston. 8.30 The Fabulous Baker Brothers. 9.00 One Born Every Minute. 10.00 Countdown. 10.30 The Cats. (R) 10.35 Film: Run Fat Boy Run. (2007) Romantic comedy, with Simon Pegg. 12.00 Random Acts. 12.35 Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. 1.05 Music on 4: Curated by Lyle and Scott. 1.20 Music on 4: Professor Green Unseen: After Hours. (R) 1.50 Music on 4: 4Play: Beadyman. (R) 2.00 Film: That Riviera Touch. (1966) Comedy, starring Morecambe. (R) 4.30 Force of Nature. (R) 5.00 Gone Fishing. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

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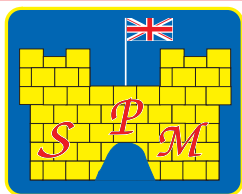
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Beachcroft Road is approached via Maidensbridge Road, part of Wall Heath village



Accommodation includes two reception rooms and three good-sized bedrooms

ENJOYING a superb position within this established and sought-after location, this extended semi-detached property in Wall Heath village is on the market priced at **£187,500**.

Beachcroft Road is approached via Maidensbridge Road and forms part of Wall Heath village which offers an excellent selection of local amenities including local shops, highly regarded primary and secondary schooling and good public transport services.

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routes to both Kidderminster and Wolverhampton city centre.

The accommodation includes two reception rooms, three excellent sized bedrooms, luxury refitted shower room and rear garden with open aspect.

Reception

On the ground floor is a reception hall, lounge measuring 12ft 10in by 12ft 4in and separate sitting room - 17ft 9in by 10ft 11in - with living flame gas fire in feature fireplace and sliding patio door to rear garden.

The breakfast kitchen, 9ft 3in by 8ft 6in, has a range of wood-style units with roll edge work surfaces, stainless steel sink/drain, recess and plumbing

for automatic washing machine, recess for fridge, recess for cooker with hood above, breakfast and door to large pantry/store.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and shower room with white suite providing corner shower cubicle, vanity unit with inset wash basin and WC.

Outside the house is set back behind foregarden with lawn/shrubs and driveway leading to 24ft by 7ft 11in garage, while the rear garden has a patio with level lawn with side and rear borders with shrubs.

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Wood Road, Dudley



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£69,950

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An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow that has been comprehensively refurbished by present vendors to an exemplary specification since purchased in Spring 2012. Enviously situated in sought after cul de sac upon wider than average wedge-shaped plot, the accommodation provides entrance porch, central reception hall, two double bedrooms, cloak cupboard, boiler cupboard, reappointed shower room with contemporary white suite, elegant lounge with patio doors to a brick uPVC double glazed conservatory, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of stylish units, pantry & a uPVC double glazed verandah/terrace off, wide garage, alarm system, secluded rear garden, block paved forecourt/drive. Personal inspection imperative for total appreciation. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £225,000**PENSNETT****33 Mayflower Drive**

AN OUTSTANDING, LUXURIOUSLY AND MOST STYLISHLY APPOINTED, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME which has been SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED to offer a SUPERB FIVE BEDROOM LAYOUT, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, impressive lounge open plan to incredibly spacious & stylishly appointed luxury dining kitchen with integrated appliances, utility room, FIVE BEDROOMS (two with EN-SUITE) and refitted house bathroom. Set back beyond the LARGE TARMAC DRIVEWAY with GARAGE off and enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £219,950**SEDGLEY****Otterstone Close, Northway**

An absolutely outstanding, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by vendors in recent years to an exemplary specification. Enviously situated at head of short/cut cul de sac adjacent to woods with good distant views, the superb accommodation includes enlarged entrance hall, 21'8" through lounge, study (alternative playroom/home office), 15'4" dining room with wood burning stove, stone, refitted cottage style kitchen with a range of Old English finish units. Principal bedroom with shower room en suite & walk-in wardrobe with extensive shelves, racking & rail, two further bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite incorporating jacuzzi, garage, landscaped rear garden, block paved forecourt. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £219,950**DUDLEY****Austin Close, Milking Bank**

A significantly EXTENDED & conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated detached family home with secluded rear garden & good distant views from the front. Set upon well regarded development, the carefully planned accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with bay & living flame feature gas fire, dining room, upgraded kitchen, pantry, laundry room, fitted cloakroom. Four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with built-in wardrobes), bathroom, walk-in store (two lofts), 17'6" garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £192,500**DUDLEY****Ascot Drive, Milking Bank**

TREMENDOUSLY ENHANCED & particularly stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached where a personal inspection is considered vital to appreciate quality/nature of accommodation available. Positioned in one of the more sort after sections of the development, the property provides entrance hallway, lounge, transverse refitted 16'3" dining kitchen with an extensive range of 'light beech' effect units, various integrated appliances & double french doors through to a large brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, pantry, utility, fitted cloakroom & further study (alternative playroom/office). Three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £187,500**WOMBOURNE VILLAGE****7 The Meadlands**

Exceptionally well placed upon the fringe of the very popular 'Pool House Farm' development, this BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS and STYLISHLY PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious & attractive lounge with dining area off, extended & refitted breakfast kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and beautifully re-appointed bathroom. With rear garden, BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, 48' x 3 CAR TANDEM GARAGE and pleasant patio / lawned rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £177,500 - NO UPWARD CHAIN**COSELEY****Old Meeting Road**

A tremendously improved, conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached convenient for bus/rail stations and many other amenities. Accommodation provides: reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, extended L shape 17'10" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'French oak' units & various integrated appliances, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Garage, extensive parking, wider than average/landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950**WOODSETTON****Brook Street**

An attractive, modernised & conscientiously maintained, Freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated semi detached in well regarded district. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, sitting room with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, tiled shower room (formerly bathroom), lengthy (24'10") garage, garden with good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £153,750**LOWER GORNAL****The Spinney**

Delightfully situated in a quiet cul de sac location, this uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is well worthy of inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises side entrance hall, lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units, CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway & garden overlooking open woodland. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**COSELEY****Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

This beautifully presented, much improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the present owners and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, transverse lounge, splendid 19'-shaped CONSERVATORY addition, utility, three good bedrooms, bathroom with corner suite, block paved driveway, lengthy garage & a lovely rear garden with south facing aspect. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £142,950**LANESFIELD****Mount Road**

An attractive, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character that has been significantly modernised & improved by present vendors in recent years with a number of period style features. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall (8'6" ceiling height), store, lounge with bay & through to a dining room (with double french doors out to the garden) & a refitted kitchen with professionally installed range of units (wood block work surfaces/high gloss cream finish to the units & many integrated appliances, store. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with freshly installed wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite/separate cubicle, 17'4" garage, garden, distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950**NETHERTON****Lynbrook Close**

This Modern style gas centrally heated and upvc double glazed semi detached property is situated in this established residential location and is seen to comprise, lounge, kitchen, office, 3 first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, garden to rear, driveway, burglar alarm. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £134,950**DUDLEY****Old Park Road**

This beautifully presented, bay fronted, extended, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. The considerably improved accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge with bay, extended sitting/dining room, refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £126,950**KINGSWINFORD****4 Kingswood Road**

AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPERS / BUILDERS, this THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE requires renovation, but offers considerable potential, being superbly placed within this highly desirable location, well placed for excellent local schooling and providing GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, lounge, kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom and GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM. With DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and rear garden, in need of cultivation, but enjoying an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £119,950**COSELEY****Broad Street**

This well presented, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms with white suite, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950**PENSNETT****Bryce Road**

This traditional style, part upvc double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroomed semi detached home is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest W.C., Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, block paved frontage and a good size rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

PRICE £79,995**PENSNETT****Commonside**

This well presented, gas centrally heated and upvc double glazed traditional styled terraced house has undergone a full scheme of modernisation in recent years and the two bedroomed accommodation is ideally suited to the first time buyer / investor. Comprising, Thru lounge, cellar, kitchen, bathroom, 2 bedrooms, garden to rear, no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £79,950**LOWER GORNAL****Straits Green**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. An absolutely outstanding, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed EXTENDED detached enviously situated in favoured backwater within walking distance of country park/schools/village centre. Presented in exemplary order throughout, the accommodation includes: impressive reception hall, fitted cloakroom & further cloak cupboard, elegant lounge, separate dining room with french doors to the garden, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances. Three double bedrooms (principal bedroom with fitted units & reappointed shower room en suite with white/chrome fittings), reappointed bathroom with white suite incorporating whirlpool bath & chrome details. Large garage with utility/office/music room beyond, parking, nest/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950**LOWER GORNAL****Robert Street****KINGSWINFORD****3 BEDROOMS****3 Orchard Court**

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, NOW EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS AND EXPENSIVELY RE-APPOINTED, THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW is delightfully situated in the heart of Kingswinford and comprising: reception hall, splendid large lounge, beautifully refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM and bedroom 3 currently used as a study), luxury re-appointed bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property benefits a GARAGE and is set back beyond a small low maintenance frontage with gated side access to a MOST ATTRACTIVE LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £204,950**SEDGLEY****Gower Road, Northway**

A gas centrally heated UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached bungalow enviously situated in favoured cul de sac section abutting onto open fields with magnificent PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS beyond. Offering potential, the accommodation includes reception hall, cloak cupboard, boiler cupboard, two double bedrooms, bathroom, transverse 22'5" lounge/dining room, kitchen. Lengthy garage, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,995**SEDGLEY****Chevening Close (Off Richmond Road)**

A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow enviously situated at head of cul de sac within reasonable distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall, double cloak cupboard, two double bedrooms (both with wardrobes), bathroom, spacious 20'8" living/dining room with patio doors, kitchen, lengthy drive, brick garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £179,950

An extremely stylish, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home constructed to a highly individual specification and significantly improved by present vendors. Outstanding accommodation provides hall cloak, magnificent 18'4" lounge, dining room with patio doors through to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (and steps down to cinema room), breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light oak' units & many integrated appliances, utility room, Gallery landing, principal bedroom with built in wardrobe, shower room en suite & further walk-in wardrobe, three additional large bedrooms (one with built in wardrobes), dormer bathroom, large garage, brick/block parking to front, landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS**LOWER GORNAL****St. Andrews Close**

A tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached envably located in quiet cul de sac backing onto open fields & with SUPERB OPEN ASPECT. Upgraded accommodation provides entrance vestibule, reception hall, superb refitted kitchen with a fine range of cream finish units & GRANITE work surfaces, transverse lounge, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further generous bedrooms (BEDROOM TWO WITH FITTED WARDROBES), reapointed bathroom with white suite, garage, lengthy secluded rear garden with southerly aspect, patio, decking with lighting & speakers. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region £159,950**GORNAL WOOD****Eaton Crescent**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. RARE OPPORTUNITY! A comparatively spacious, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached envably located in favoured district where properties are so rarely made available. The meticulously maintained accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, sitting room with bay, extended 15'6" lounge, extended 12ft. breakfast kitchen & a separate utility room. Three bedrooms (two with recently fitted 'tulpwood' units), tiled bathroom, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. Significant potential. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950**LOWER GORNAL****Deepdale Lane**

PROPERTY OPEN FOR VIEWINGS ON SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY FROM 11.00 AM UNTIL 1.00 PM.
Deceptively spacious, DILAPIDATED, three bedroom semi detached with BASEMENT FLAT that has been "transformed" in recent years and the gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: Ground floor - entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room & enlarged updated kitchen with 'conservatory section', large store/utility room (former garage). First floor - three bedrooms & a reapointed shower room (former bathroom). Staircase approach from hall or the store room down to a 'lower ground floor' flat comprising entrance section, bathroom, living/dining bedroom with a kitchen section. Neat rear garden, good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**SEDGLEY****Brownswall Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in a much favoured residential location. The surprisingly spacious property would ideally benefit from some cosmetic enhancement, and briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, extended living room, dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms, shower room with separate W.C., Larger than average garage, driveway and a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**WOODSETTON****Vicarage Road West**

PROPERTY OPEN FOR VIEWINGS ON SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY 2012 FROM 10.00AM UNTIL 1.00PM.
A comparatively SPACIOUS & highly individual, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached nearing completion & to be covered by NHBC guarantee. There is a canopy porch & the well appointed accommodation includes 17'10" lounge with walk-in bay, inner hallway, fitted cloakroom, L-shape 17'4" dining kitchen with a fine range of 'Old English Cream' effect units & numerous integrated appliances, laundry section & dining room section (with double french doors out to garden). THREE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite, stylish bathroom, parking car port space, level fenced/turfed rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £152,950**DUDLEY****Beaumaris Close (Off Richborough Drive)**

An exceptionally well presented, tremendously enhanced, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, semi detached that has been the subject of significant expenditure in recent years. Set in a cul-de-sac, the property comprises: entrance hall, refitted kitchen, former garage utilised as a utility room with matching units, transverse lounge/dining room and brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. Principal bedroom with reapointed shower room en suite, two further bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with a white suite. Professionally landscaped gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**COSELEY****Denise Drive**

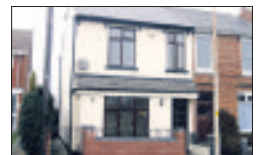
An attractive, comparatively spacious (extended), freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached envably situated in favoured cul de sac where homes are rarely available for sale. The conscientiously maintained accommodation (with further potential) provides entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with bay, enlarged kitchen, vestibule & former disabled shower/wet room (10'11" x 5'7"). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**COSELEY****Hall Lane, Hurst Hill**

TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY! - A significantly enhanced, spacious, ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character with many unspoilt period features, and with enormous potential. Accommodation includes: entrance porch, reception hall, elegant lounge with bay, separate dining room, extended breakfast kitchen. Three fine bedrooms, bathroom. Potential garage space, lengthy secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £135,000**DUDLEY****Gregory Drive**

Situated in a quiet cul de sac location, this well presented, conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units) semi detached home has been considerably improved/updated by present owners. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall, transverse lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, guest w.c., CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, store & a rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,950**SEDGLEY****Bilston Street**

Conveniently situated within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities, a PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed SEMI DETACHED that has been significantly modernised & improved in recent years & the superb well presented accommodation includes dining room with walk in bay, understorey stone, transverse living room with 'living frame' feature gas fire, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, reapointed bathroom with white suite. Three generously proportioned bedrooms (one with fitted units), delightful secluded level rear garden with secure gated PARKING (for two vehicles) at rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**COSELEY****Bridgewater Drive**

This beautifully presented, modern style, extended, uPVC double glazed three bedroomed semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, and is situated at the head of this popular cul-de-sac. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly comprises: living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, conservatory, study/playroom, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite. Garage, double width driveway and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £127,000**COSELEY****Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Envably situated upon fine CORNER PLOT a Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached providing reception hall, kitchen, living/dining room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. SEPARATE GARAGE. Delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**GORNAL WOOD****NEW PRICE****Chapel Walk**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! - A significantly enhanced, comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached bungalow (effectively Flat alternative) envably situated in particularly secluded/private location within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, 28'4" through central reception hall with lobby to the rear, two stores, lounge with double french doors to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY addition, refitted kitchen with various integrated appliances, double bedroom, reapointed bathroom with white suite, neat 'low maintenance' gardens, GARAGE & further parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**SEDGLEY****Arcal Street**

A conveniently situated Freehold, gas centrally heated & either secondary or sealed unit double glazed semi detached within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and all associated amenities/schools etc. The accommodation includes: glazed entrance porch, reception hall, transverse lounge/dining room, breakfast kitchen. Three well proportioned bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), bathroom, Garage, car port, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £118,000**COSELEY****Clifton Street, Hurst Hill**

VENDOR ADVISES NO UPWARD CHAIN. A comparatively SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional end terrace of character that has been conscientiously maintained & TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED in recent years conveniently situated backing onto allotments at rear with distant views. Accommodation provides dining room with OPEN FIREPLACE, stone, lounge with 'living flame' feature fireplace, refitted kitchen with a fine range of beech effect units, lobby, recently reapointed bathroom with stylish white suite. THREE BEDROOMS, neat sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,000**DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Denbigh Close**

This beautifully presented, modern, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the present owner and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & private rear garden with sunny aspect. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £116,950**DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Old Park Road**

VENDORS ADVISE NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, bay fronted, double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers and young families alike. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, Driveway and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £111,950**LOWER GORNAL****Bank Road**

A delightful, most attractive & conveniently situated, traditional, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed terraced 'starter home' within walking distance of the village & all amenities. Significantly enhanced accommodation includes sitting room with 'oak strip' floor, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'high gloss white' effect units & integrated appliances, useful cellar, two bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite. Expertly tended, sheltered rear garden with a wide range of shrubs & plants. Internal inspection vital for total appreciation. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105,950**KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION****14 Rokewood Close**

An EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED MODERN GROUND FLOOR FLAT which enjoys a fantastic location within sought after Charterfields offering an IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS & BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED layout of accommodation incorporating GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: entrance hall, large extended lounge with dining area, inner hall, refitted kitchen with built-in appliances, EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOM with fitted wardrobes and refitted shower room. The property is further enhanced by the BLOCK-PAVED FRONTAGE, attractive rear garden and GARAGE. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £99,950**PENSNETT****4 Byrchen Moor Gardens**

Enjoying a superb 'cul-de-sac' setting within this sought after and established location, this MOST DECEPTIVE, MODERN INTERMEDIATE 'MEWS' HOUSE offers a VERY SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED layout, including uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, STORAGE HEATING and comprising: spacious & attractive lounge, fitted dining kitchen, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and well appointed bathroom. Set back beyond the LONG DRIVEWAY, which provides off-road parking for two vehicles and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £96,950**LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE****Brook Street**

A significantly modernised & improved, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated traditional intermediate terrace of character with walking distance of village & all amenities. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, lounge with feature living flame fireplace, lobby, understorey stone, REFITTED breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' units & integrated overhob, THREE BEDROOMS, reapointed/refitted bathroom with white 'Heritage' suite, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £95,950**LOWER GORNAL****Barr Street**

An attractive, significantly MODERNISED & upgraded, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate terrace of character in well regarded neighbourhood convenient for all amenities in the village & country park. Delightful accommodation includes lounge, breakfast kitchen with integrated oven, hob & filter, two good sized bedrooms (both with wardrobes), recently reapointed bathroom with white suite, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £92,950**COSELEY****Evergreen Close**

Situated just off Mount Pleasant Street and with NO UPWARD CHAIN, a gas radiator centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed mews style end 'starter home' in convenient district. Accommodation includes porch (with bin store), hallway, upgraded kitchen, lounge, TWO BEDROOMS (one with fitted wardrobes), upgraded shower room with white suite (former bathroom), allocated parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £74,950**BRIERLEY HILL****NEW PRICE****Dadford View**

Situated on this popular development, ideally suited to the first time buyer or investor is this modern style 2 bedroomed back to back style house, close to all local facilities, and comprising, lounge, kitchen, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking space, realistic price. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £64,950**BRIERLEY HILL****Amblecote Road**

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£450 pcm

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New Build Semi Detached Bungalow. As New Throughout. Lounge. Modern kitchen & Bathroom. GCH. UPVC. Parking. Close to Local Amenities

£500 pcm

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Modern 1 Bed Ground Floor Studio Flat. Fitted Kitchen. Separate Bedroom. Shower. Secure Access. Parking. Viewing Essential.

£325 pcm

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Modern 3 Bed Semi. Large Through Lounge. Modern Kitchen and Bathroom. Guest W.C. Garage & Driveway. GCH. UPVC. Available Now.

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Spacious 1 Bed First Floor Flat. Large Lounge. Fitted Kitchen. Bath & Shower. Double Bedroom. Secure Access. Private Parking. Available Now.

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Extended 3 Bed Semi. Large Lounge. Separate Diner. Conservatory. Fitted Kitchen. Bath & Shower. Large rear garden with patio. Driveway. GCH. UPVC. Available Now.

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A spacious and modernised 2/3 Bed End Terrace. Close to all amenities. Large through Lounge. Modern Kitchen and Bathroom. GCH. UPVC. Off road parking.

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A two bedroom semi detached house with lounge, large dining kitchen, upstairs bathroom, garads to front and rear and driveway

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A spacious attractive family home located on the popular "Clockfields" estate. The house briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, ensuite to master bedroom, garage, driveway and gardens to front and rear

£215,000

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A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, through lounge diner, fitted kitchen and garden to the rear

£99,950

DUDLEY Hazel Road



A three bedroom end terraced house with lounge, dining kitchen, two bedrooms on the first floor and one bedroom on the second floor. There is an external office to the rear and a low maintenance garden. Viewing is highly recommended

£109,950

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A three bedroom end terraced house in need of some modernisation throughout.

£59,950

BILSTON Julie Croft



A two bedroom mid terraced house with lounge, breakfast kitchen, garden to the rear and parking to the front.

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£69,950

QUARRY BANK Park Road



A two bed first floor flat with double glazing and central heating, having lounge, fitted kitchen with integral oven and fridge, two double bedrooms and a bathroom/WC. Unfurnished, available to view now. No DSS, no pets.

£450 PCM

DUDLEY Perry Close



A two bed mid terraced house in a cul-de-sac location with central heating and double glazing, lounge, fitted kitchen, house bathroom, one double and a double and single bedroom upstairs. No dogs, no DSS. Unfurnished, available now.

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A two bed ground floor flat with double glazing and central heating with off road parking to the rear, available to view now, no pets, no DSS. Unfurnished.

£475 PCM

TIPTON Brindlefields Way



Modern two bedroom mid terrace. Has lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower, one double and one single. Double glazing and gas central heating. Garden to the rear. Unfurnished. Available now for viewings. DSS considered with guarantor and references. No pets

£495 PCM

DUDLEY Bunns Lane



A three bed semi detached house, recently renovated and redecorated to a good standard. Having a lounge, good sized dining kitchen, downstairs WC, house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Off-road parking to the front, access to rear is a bike/bin covered store, and garden. Unfurnished, No DSS.

£525PCM

NETHERTON Blackbrook Road



Well presented traditional 3 bedroom mid - terraced house. Has two reception rooms. Fitted kitchen with oven/hob. Downstairs bathroom with shower. Nice enclosed rear garden. Unfurnished. No DSS. Small pets considered. Available now to view.

£525 PCM

DUDLEY Laurel Road



A three bed semi-detached house with double glazing and central heating, having two reception rooms and a modern fitted kitchen. Upstairs bathroom/WC with shower over the bath and three double bedrooms. Garden to rear and plenty of off road parking to the front. Unfurnished, available now.

£530 PCM

TIPTON Toll End Road



A two bed mid terraced house with double glazing and central heating. Having a through lounge, large modern kitchen, house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath upstairs. Garage to rear, yard outside, paved area to the front (no dropped kerb). Unfurnished, no benefits applicants. Available now to view.

£550 PCM

CRADLEY HEATH Reddal Hill Road



A three bed end terraced house with double glazing and central heating. Having a through lounge, large modern kitchen, house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath upstairs. Garage to rear, yard outside, paved area to the front (no dropped kerb). Unfurnished, no benefits applicants. Available now to view.

£595 PCM

WOLLASTON Gerald Road



A well presented modern three bedroom detached house within walking distance of Wollaston Village with lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, driveway, garage and gardens to the front and rear. Part/Unfurnished, available now, no pets, no DSS, no smoking.

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DUDLEY CORBYN ROAD



★ Semi-detached ★ Corner plot
★ Hall ★ Lounge ★ Dining area
★ Fitted kitchen
★ 3 bedrooms ★ Bathroom
★ Rear parking
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed
OFFERS BASED ON £120,000

GORNAL BIRD STREET



★ Detached ★ Cottage style
★ Lounge ★ Dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Two bedrooms
★ Bathroom
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed
OFFERS BASED ON £107,500

GORNAL PROSPECT ROAD



★ Individual detached in sought after location
★ Porch ★ Lounge
★ Dining Room ★ Conservatory
★ Fitted kitchen ★ Utility
★ Cloakroom ★ Three bedrooms
★ Bathroom
★ Garage ★ Gardens
OFFERS BASED ON £247,500

GORNAL WATER ROAD



★ Bungalow ★ Detached
★ Sizeable plot
★ Hall ★ Lounge
★ Luxury kitchen
★ Integrated appliances
★ Formal dining area
★ 4 bedrooms
★ Bathroom ★ Shower room
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed
OFFERS BASED ON £225,000

GORNAL NEW STREET



★ Terraced ★ Extended
★ Lounge/diner
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Two bedrooms ★ Bathroom
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed
★ Gardens
OFFERS BASED ON £97,500

GORNAL NEW STREET



★ Mid terraced
★ Fully refurbished
★ Immaculate throughout
★ Lounge
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Integrated appliances
★ Two bedrooms ★ Bathroom
★ Landscaped private garden
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed
OFFERS BASED ON £97,500

GORNAL BROOKDALE



★ Semi ★ Good sized plot
★ Hall ★ Lounge
★ Kitchen/diner
★ Three bedrooms
★ Bathroom
★ Gas central heating
★ Part double glazed
OFFERS BASED ON £109,950

UPPER GORNAL QUARRY BROW



★ Semi-detached
★ Corner plot
★ Hall ★ Lounge
★ Breakfast kitchen
★ Two bedrooms
★ Bathroom ★ Parking
★ Gas CH ★ Double glazed
OFFERS BASED ON £92,500

GORNAL SANDSTONE CLOSE



★ Individual detached ★ Built in 2006
★ Remaining term NHBC
★ Porch ★ Hall ★ Cloakroom
★ Lounge ★ Luxury kitchen
★ Integrated appliances
★ Formal dining area
★ Conservatory
★ Three bedrooms ★ Bathroom
★ Garage
★ Gas central heating ★ Double glazed
OFFERS BASED ON £185,000

UPPER GORNAL EVE LANE



★ Traditional Semi
★ Hall ★ Lounge
★ Kitchen/Diner
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Bathroom ★ Parking
★ Gas Central Heating
★ Double Glazed
★ Private Garden
OFFERS BASED ON £109,950

GORNAL HILLSIDE



★ Semi-detached
★ Hall ★ Lounge ★ Dining area
★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Utility
★ Ground floor cloaks
★ Three bedrooms
★ Bathroom
★ Gas c/heating
★ Large plot
OFFERS BASED ON £97,500

SEDGLEY SCHOOL STREET



★ Mid Terraced
★ Refurbished
★ Immaculate throughout
★ Lounge ★ Dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Two bedrooms
★ Bathroom
★ Rear parking
★ Gas central heating
★ Double glazed
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KINGSWINFORD – The Portway £122,500



Spacious and modern townhouse which offers a lounge, dining room, well planned kitchen, 3 large bedrooms as well as a family bathroom with shower. With gas central heating and double glazing throughout, a large rear garden as well as off road parking to the fore - viewing is highly recommended to truly appreciate this stunning property.

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• Extended Three Bedroom Bay Fronted Semi Detached • Lounge • Extended Kitchen Dining Room • Ground Floor Shower Room • First Floor Bathroom • Gas Central Heated • Double Glazed Where Stated • Front And Rear Garden
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CROMWELL STREET
• A Detached Residence*Three Bedrooms*Through Lounge/Dining Room*Kitchen*Ground Floor Cloakroom*Garage To Rear*Driveway
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VANBOROUGH WALK
• An Extended Four Bedroom Semi Detached*Through Lounge*Extended Living Room*Ground Floor Cloakroom*Kitchen*Extended Bedroom One*Garage*Driveway*Viewing Recommended
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ARUNDEL DRIVE
• An Improved Mid Terrace*Two Bedrooms*Lounge*Fitted Kitchen*Conservatory*Entrance Porch*Bathroom*Double Glazing Where Stated*Gas Central Heating System*Driveway*Rear Garden
£95,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



NIGEL ROAD
• An Extended Semi Detached Residence*Four Bedrooms*En-Suite & Dressing Room To Bedroom One*Lounge*Dining Room*Kitchen*Utility Room*Bathroom*Garage To Rear*Driveway*No Chain
£134,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



ST JAMES ROAD
• Semi Detached Property*Three Bedrooms*Semi Detached Rooms*Kitchen*Double Glazing Where Stated*GCH System*Garden*No Chain
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WHEATSTHEAF ROAD
• Three Bedroom Semi Detached*Lounge/Dining Room*Kitchen*Garage To Rear*Gas Central Heating System*Double Glazing Where Stated*Rear Garden
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OCCUPATION STREET
• Mid Terrace Property*Two Bedrooms*Two Reception Rooms*Kitchen*Ground Floor Bathroom*GCH System*Double Glazing Where Stated*No Chain
£65,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



LANTERN ROAD
• End Terrace Residence*Two Bedrooms*Two Reception Rooms*Fitted Kitchen*Ground Floor Bathroom*Enclosed Parking To The Rear*Gas Central Heating System*Double Glazing Where Stated*No Chain
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HIGH STREET
Parish, High Street
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DIBDALE ROAD
• Semi Detached*Three Bedrooms*Lounge & Dining Area*Fitted Kitchen*Gas Central Heating System*Double Glazing Where Stated*Garage*Block Paved Driveway*No Chain
£109,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



ARUNDEL DRIVE
• Semi Detached*Three Bedrooms*Lounge & Dining Area*Kitchen*Ground Floor Cloakroom*Rear Garden*Garage
£120,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



ST.MICHAELS GROVE
• Three Bedroom Detached • Lounge/Diner • Fitted Kitchen • Bathroom Having Four Piece Suite • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing Where Stated • Driveway • Garage • NO UPWARD CHAIN
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CASTLE ROAD
• Detached Property*Three Bedrooms*Front & Extended Rear Reception Rooms*Kitchen*Upstairs Bathroom*Garage*Driveway*Rear Garden*Corner Plot
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BOURNE WALK
• Three Bedroom Mid Terrace*Through Lounge/Dining Room*Kitchen*Ground Floor Cloakroom*Gas Central Heating System*Double Glazing Where Stated*Parking To The Rear Via Gate
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CASTLE MILL RD
• A Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Lounge • Kitchen/Diner • Ground Floor Wet Room • Upstairs Cloakroom • Gas Central Heating System • Rear Garden • No Upward Chain
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HILLTOP ROAD
• Semi Detached Residence*Three Bedrooms*Kitchen*Two Reception Rooms*Gas Central Heating*Double Glazing*Garage
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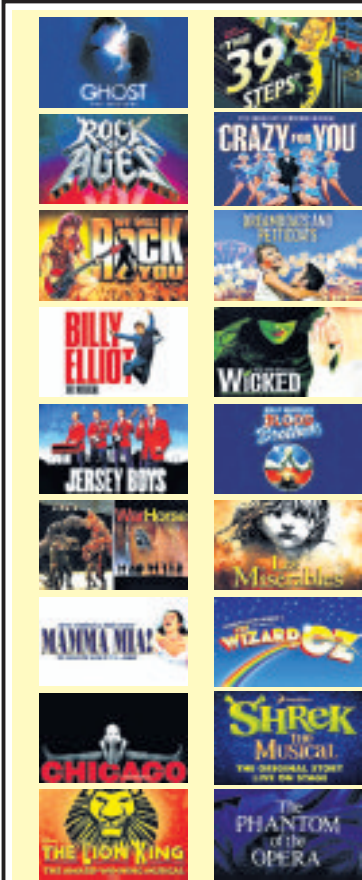
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Another defeat at home for Baggies

ALBION played well enough to win yet ended up going down 2-1 at home to Norwich.

The Baggies carved out enough clear-cut openings to claim victory. Their seventh home Premier league defeat of the season highlighted the carelessness that is threatening to turn their campaign into another tense relegation fight.

Boss Roy Hodgson and Co cannot expect to climb away from the scrap without improving fortunes at The Hawthorns.

Yet once more on Saturday, things could have been so different.

There were two fine saves from John Ruddy, a moment of good fortune for the Canaries keeper and a vital goal-line clearance from former Wolves midfielder Andrew Surman to help increase the agony for a frustrated home faithful.

Then there was the all-too-familiar defensive naivety. Both Norwich goals sprang from promising Albion attacks.

Albion dominated the first half but ended 1-0 behind.

An early shot from distance by Peter Odemwingie was misjudged by a diving Ruddy but his half-save rebound onto the crossbar.

The fine move ended with FA Cup hat-trick hero Simon Cox denied superbly by a sprawling Ruddy.

And a sweet volley from James Morrison was blocked on the line by Surman.

Only a mix-up between Ben Foster and Gareth McAuley offered the Canaries any encouragement.

Yet two minutes before the break a poor touch by Cox saw an Albion attack break down in the Norwich box and the visitors go up to the other end for Surman to volley home.

Shane Long's return from injury as a second-half substitute saw him slot home a penalty after Jerome Thomas' dart at goal was blocked by a Daniel Ayala lunge that, on another day, might have earned the Spaniard a red card.

At 1-1 the Baggies looked the likeliest winners, but a heavy touch from Youssef Mulumbu ended a promising attacking move and the Canaries broke for their winner from Steve Morison.

Matches off

FROZEN pitches meant that all Old Halesonians hockey club games were postponed on Saturday.

Robins held as substitute goes close

Goodrich 0 Dudley Town 0

DUDLEY TOWN missed out on the chance to leapfrog Goodrich in the West Midlands Premier League table as neither side could find a breakthrough.

Substitute Rion Francis-Mills went close to a late winner, but was denied by home keeper Jack Hayfield.

Robins manager Andy Burgess was able to pull the injured Ross Love out of the squad following the arrival of former Bala Town defender Luke Morton from local Division One outfit Trysull.

Love had been playing with a groin hernia since before Christmas.

Apart from the inclusion of Morton, Burgess stayed loyal to the side that had produced a 3-2 victory against Wolverhampton Casuals seven days before.

The pitch at Goodrich only just survived an inspection as a cold snap bit but played well, earning it more reputation as one of the best surfaces in the division.

The Robins were unlucky not to take the lead when Dreniz Bala drilled a shot over Hayfield's bar.

Dudley had several good chances in the opening 30 minutes with Nikki Faux clearing the bar and Ben Store off-target.

The best chance of the first half though fell to Bala whose ferocious shot brought a save from Hayfield, but this season's joint top goalscorer could only drag the ball wide when the rebound fell back to him.

Goodrich still had their chances as the first half drew to a close. Former Dudley forward Jake Morgan could only spoon the ball over the crossbar after a neat build-up.

The hosts had the upper hand early in the second period and Dudley's keeper James

Trevalen pulled off a fine block from Sean Pugh just before the hour mark.

The visitors thought they had the breakthrough on 75 minutes when the impressive Store saw his firm low shot beat Hayfield but then sneak agonisingly past the post.

If Hayfield got lucky with that though, it took a fine piece of keeping to keep out Francis-Mills. The young substitute appeared to have lobbed the Goodrich shot stopper successfully only for Hayfield to stick out a hand to push the ball wide for a corner. Gary Bottomley then cleared off the line from Store.

Red card yet again as Yeltz go down

HALESOWEN finished with 10 men for the third consecutive game as Michael McGrath was red-carded in the 4-2 loss at North Leigh.

Ben Haseley marked his debut with a goal and Nathan Jackson was also on the mark - but Morgan Williams and John Mills scored a brace apiece for the hosts.

In the first couple of minutes Williams fired high over the crossbar as North Leigh started brightly.

Former Heath Hayes striker Haseley marked an impressive debut by giving the Yeltz a 10th-minute lead after holding off defender Andy Caton before clipping over keeper Sam Warrell.

But North Leigh equalised in the 31st minute when Williams steered a deep cross from Michael Hopkins into the top corner of the net.

Visiting captain Brendan Kelly did well to head clear a dangerous cross for a 35th-minute corner and stand-in goalkeeper Louis Connor tipped Tom Franklin's header over from Toby Clarke's cross.

The Yeltz regained their lead after 40 minutes when Nathan Jackson spotted Warrell off his line and unleashed a 30-yard shot which the stranded Warrell could only help into the net.

Yeltz had a let-off when Mills was ruled offside in the 52nd minute after netting a rebound. But Mills equalised for the Millers in the 73rd minute after being put clear on goal.

The home side finished strongly after Halesowen's McGrath was sent off with a straight red in the 76th minute.

North Leigh went ahead for the first time in the 84th minute when a shot from Elliott Osbourne-Ricketts rebounded for Williams to fire home.

And Mills bagged his second by tapping home to inflict a 10th defeat in 14 league games for Halesowen.

Tom is clearly one to watch

SWIMMER Tom McCallum won six goblets from six starts in Stourbridge Swimming Club's Crystal Open Meet at the Wolverhampton baths.

Cut-glass crystal goblets form the prizes and Bethan Walters took four plus one silver medal and one bronze.

Chairman leads applause as Wolves earn their Spurs

WOLVES chairman Steve Morgan led the applause at the final whistle as Mick McCarthy's Wolves prised out a priceless point at White Hart Lane.

Morgan had had his say on the club's efforts so far just two days before Saturday's match. How pleased he must have been with the reply.

For if Wolves' results in the first half of the season have been "unacceptable", then this stirring performance was surely what the chairman wants to see.

On a freezing afternoon, the considerable feeling from the stands probably didn't match the warmth in the heart of McCarthy, who knew his side had earned a bonus point in what has to be regarded as another battle for survival.

It says everything about the commitment demanded by the manager that his players produced such a resolute performance despite just two wins in their previous 18 league games. **writes Tim Nash.**

But as well as all those dogged qualities displayed so abundantly, they were also grateful recipients of two rare slices of fortune.

For after coming off very much the worse over Nenad Milijas' red card and Frank Lampard's tackle, replays proved the ball came off Dave Edwards for the corner Steven Fletcher scored from and that Kevin Foley just played Emmanuel Adebayor onside for the 'goal' Spurs had disallowed for offside just before half-time. But they surely deserved their luck.

And while Wolves didn't pull off the shock victory they earned at Spurs two years ago, they certainly achieved McCarthy's pre-match aim of upsetting the applecart. The valuable point also emphasised something that's been missing from Wolves' play for too long until recently - defensive stability. It's no coincidence that McCarthy's side have reeled off four successive unbeaten away games since a step up in form of Wayne Hennessey and Roger Johnson.

Both remained at the top of their game. And Johnson, whose header was saved in the build-up to Fletcher's goal, was as big a component in that as anyone.

Not only did he remain in Adebayor's personal space all afternoon, he made a perfectly-timed sliding tackle to nick the ball off Rafael van der Vaart as he threatened to burst through. As an Arsenal man on Tottenham territory, Emmanuel Frimpong's temperament isn't likely to be as tested anywhere as severely as it was on Saturday, and

Tottenham 1 Wolves 1

McCarthy, who wisely took him off perhaps before he was sent off, knows he has to manage the 19-year-old carefully.

Not so long ago, Wolves couldn't function without Kevin Doyle. Now, with their former talisman on the bench, they surely can't operate without Fletcher, whose workrate is up there with Doyle and whose touch is so silky that there's always the chance to build the play off him. And he's a goalscorer.

As he proved at Anfield, Old Trafford and the Emirates, Fletcher isn't only a man for the big occasion, but he also only needs one chance to score.

His ninth of the season was the first Spurs had conceded in 276 minutes and only their third in nine games, and came from Wolves' first attack, prodding home after Brad Friedel parried Johnson's towering far-post header from a Matt Jarvis corner.

But Fletcher's effort wasn't Wolves' only first-half chance as Edwards sliced horribly wide from Jarvis' inviting cross.

After the break, Frimpong was denied the chance of making it 2-0 when his superb volley was clawed away by Friedel and within two minutes, Spurs levelled when Modric's 20-yard drive squeezed under Hennessey for the keeper's one mistake.

Backed by a suddenly frenzied home support, Spurs attempted to lay siege to the visitors' goal, but they couldn't force home their advantage.

Hennessey blocked from Adebayor then Lennon in the same move before the keeper's legs denied substitute Jermain Defoe. Spurs' fire had been extinguished, however, and Wolves went home with their precious point.

Now they face three successive home games but they will need wins too to turn Morgan's half-term report from unacceptable to acceptable.



Steven Fletcher reacts with delight after putting Wolves ahead at White Hart Lane

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Big guns all set to fire for DK

DUDLEY Kingswindsford are set to roll out all their big guns for Saturday's visit of rock-bottom rugby side Manchester after their weekend game was postponed.

Second-placed DK were due to travel to Hereford but a frozen pitch saw the game called off and South Leicester, in third, duly closed the gap to one point.

That leaves little margin for error going into Saturday's National League Three Midlands clash at Castlecroft, as the teams are still level on games played.

Bosses Pete Knight and Jon Higgins had planned to rotate the squad against Manchester, a team yet to win in this campaign. But DK, having played just once since Christmas, want all of their players match-fit.

Knight's own comeback from a broken hand was delayed by the call-off, while Higgins has less than a half of rugby under his belt since returning from a thigh strain.

The player-coaches are likely to start on Saturday and Higgins admits the match has taken on a new edge.

He said: "The original plan for this game was to give the lads who haven't played that much a chance, but I am not sure what we are going to do now."

"We could have done with a game last weekend, now we have players out of action and we may have to field a full-strength side."

"We have got a lot of people fit and pushing for places and they need to get back into the rhythm of putting in performances."

Tipton lose at leaders

MISSED chances proved costly for Tipton as they were beaten 1-0 at Midland Alliance leaders Coventry Sphinx.

The visitors showed their intent early on, putting home keeper Carl O'Neill under pressure from set-pieces.

In the 13th minute James Cooper fired wide for Tipton and they threatened again soon after when David Bate was off target.

On-loan Rushall striker Craig Bannister crossed for Max Black but his glancing header drifted wide.

Sphinx went in front against the run of play when Edwards bundled the ball home from a corner.

Ball one step closer to a crack at title

By Craig Birch

COSELEY boxer Jamie Ball has been lined up for an English title eliminator on West Midlands soil against Birmingham's Nasser Al Harbi.

Promoter Dave Coldwell has won the purse bids to stage the fight and the two light middleweights could clash in Birmingham.

A Coldwell bill at the New Bingley Hall is scheduled for March 16 and the bout could be named chief support.

Ball and Al Harbi will put the zero in their losses column on the line when the undefeated duo meet, with a new English champion set to be crowned later this month.

Erick Ochieng and Nick Quigley will go toe-to-toe for the vacant title next week, with the victor to meet the Ball v Al Harbi winner.

That's what the British Boxing Board of Control has decided and Ball, the reigning Midlands champion, believe it's his only way in.

He said: "It will be tough, he's an unbeaten fighter like me and we have come across a lot of the same competition so far."

"At this stage, I have got to progress and I

will, once I have got this on my slate, so I have got to take this fight."

"I have no other options, this is my only foot on the title ladder."

"I have got to play with the cards I have been dealt."

It's been a rollercoaster month for Ball after he was lined up for a shock crack at new British champion Brian Rose.

Rose and promoter Frank Maloney agreed to a voluntary defence - but the board and Sky Sports vetoed the proposed bout.

Ball had already turned down a proposed English title fight with Birmingham's Max

Maxwell to hold out for Rose. Maxwell has now been picked to face Rose, who he knocked out last year and Ball knows which one he would rather face.

He said: "In my eyes, Max would have been a harder fight than Rose, he's someone who has never got to where he should have. "He knocked Rose out, yet Rose comes back to win the English and British titles, that's the madness of boxing."

"My fight with Max fell apart because the board ordered me to have an eliminator," said Ball.

"I am just not getting the opportunities," he added.

All serene as Swann glides in for double

GORNAL reinforced their West Midlands Premier League title challenge with a 4-0 home win over Stafford Town.

Despite the visitors dominating the early possession, the more direct approach of the home side began to create chances and Matt Martin fired over the bar.

After 15 minutes a header from Calum Martin forced Andy Heal to tip the ball over.

Five minutes later Mark Swann flicked a corner on and Heal saved Calum Martin's shot.

In a rare Stafford attack, Sam Agar's shot was saved by James Pemberton after 22 minutes.

Gornal took the lead after 28 minutes when a pass from Marvin Nisbett put Swann clear of the visitors' defence and he rounded Heal to score despite a desperate attempted goal-line clearance.

Ten minutes before the break Agar fired a free-kick which Pemberton saved at the expense of a corner.

Gornal doubled their lead after 57 minutes when Swann was left unmarked and he headed home a right wing cross.

Despite Town's efforts they rarely looked like reducing the arrears and Gornal clinched the points 10 minutes from time when substitute Ravi Sangha jinked through to score.

In the final minute Sangha scored with a far-post header to complete the scoring and seal a comprehensive win.

Three tries, but defeat

STOURBRIDGE Saxons outscored Birmingham and Solihull Bees by three tries to none in a crucial relegation clash only for six penalties from the left boot of Mark Woodrow to clinch an 18-17 win for the visitors.

The vanquished hosts, who now face a tough 11-game battle to preserve their third-tier status, were left to reflect on a number of missed chances.

However, they will also be encouraged by a solid set-piece display and tries by Tom Jarvis, Nathan Bressington and Andy Hall.

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ALL WORK AS DAN PREPARES TO RACE

NEW Dudley Heathens signing Dan Greenwood is putting in the hours in preparation for the 2012 speedway season.

He has taken on two jobs to help finance his sport - and has even sold his car. The rider is the final piece in the team jigsaw on a three-point average and is saving up his wages to be as competitive as possible.

He appeared lost to the sport at the end of the 2007 season for personal reasons but made a comeback last September and rode some meetings for Newport.

Now he is ready for a full season with the former Cradley club.

Greenwood will make his Heathens debut against Stoke in a Staffordshire Cup clash at Monmore on Tuesday, April 3.

He said: "I've sold my car so I can get a van."

"My dad is prepared to help me, too, and I really want to make a go of it this season and show what I can do on a bike."

"I'm working 60-hours a week at the moment in a caravan shop during the day and a bar at night just so I can give myself the best possible chance to make a career from speedway."

Complete

"I was really pleased to be back on a bike last season and I feel I can be a much better and improved rider than I was in 2007 because I was only 15 and was pretty small."

"I've grown a bit since then and I feel I can be a more complete rider because of it. I'm looking forward to scoring points for the Heathens."

"I know some of the lads, I've been on the grassroots with Tom Perry since I was six and he's a good lad," added Greenwood.

"I'm looking forward to

by Nigel Pearson

meeting the rest of the boys in March."

Heathens boss Will Pottinger is delighted to have his team in place.

Their combined average is a fraction under the 40-point limit at 39.97.

"Dan will be a good signing for us, I feel he can be a bargain on a three-point average," said Pottinger.

"If he can score some points for us at reserve it gives us that all-round strength."

Tickets are selling fast for the Heathens 2012 Season Launch Party at Cradley Heath Liberal Club on Friday, March 9.

All the riders will be introduced on stage and there will also be live music from local solo artist and Heathens fan Neil Davidson.

The new Heathens race jacket will also be revealed on the night and there will also be an auction and raffle.

Fans are urged to snap up their tickets up to avoid disappointment.

They cost £3 for supporters club members and £5 non-members and can be bought at the online shop at www.dudleyheathens.co or on 07717 242957.

That's just champion for Brierley Hill pool stars



The winning team from Brierley Hill Snooker & Pool celebrate their Champion of Champions success, from left, Ian Priest, Hilten Patel, Paul Shakespeare, Neil Raybone, Paul Dunkey, Pat Ward and Steve Sears

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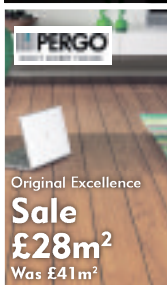


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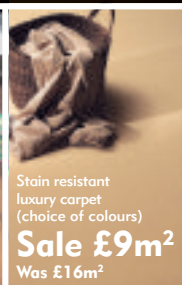
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